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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN** Walter Balboni hoists the Flag of Learning and Liberty at the junior high. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## School Dept. Hoists Flag Of Learning, Liberty

School Committee Chairman Walter Balboni as well as school administrators hoisted the new flag of "Learning and Liberty" at the School Department's Agawam Junior High headquarters last week.

Balboni said the Flag of Learning and Liberty will wave in the breeze just below the American flag on the flagpole on the front lawn.

On July 4th, 1985, this new flag symbolizing the link between education and a strong, free nation was raised over the capitals of all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Balboni said.

The Flag of Learning and Liberty was inspired by the recent national attention on the importance of education and significant reform movements undertaken by many states.

American education, learning and liberty, has its roots in the founding of America, according to Superintendent of Schools James V. Bruno.

Balboni noted the leaders of the American Revolution saw education as a means of preserving liberty, securing unity, promoting good citizenship, and developing resources of the land and people.

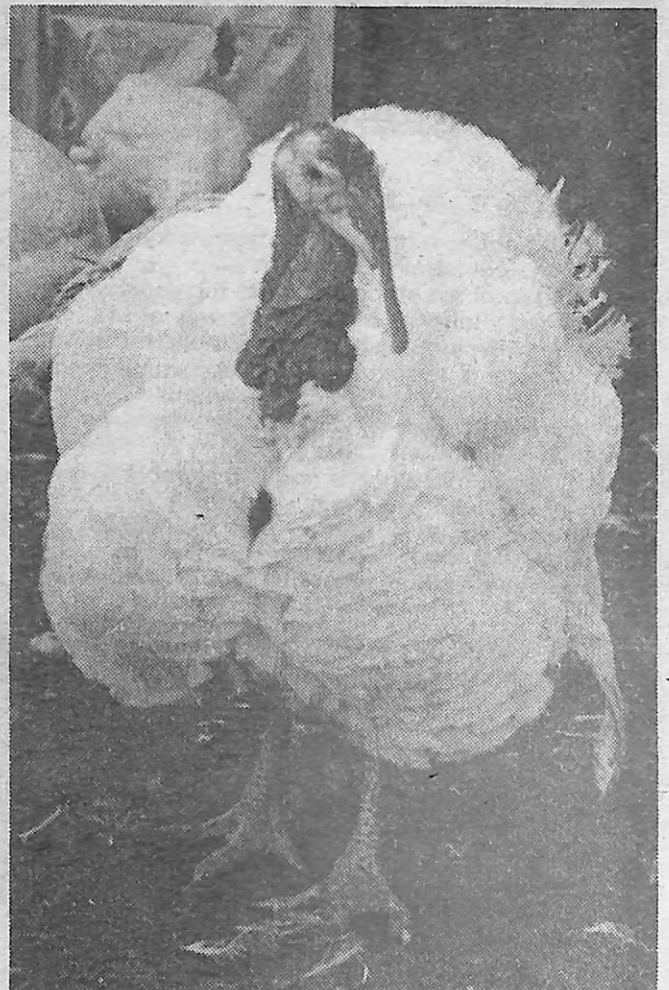
"The Founding Fathers believed education would help maintain the union of states, a united people, and a Democratic form of government," said Balboni. "There's no question in my mind that this has happened. Education has played an important role in the growth of our country."

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## Heritage Hall Dedicates New Building



**GENESIS HEALTH VENTURES** officials Katheen Roap and Michael Walker (left) watch as State Representative Michael P. Walsh and State Senator Linda Melconian cut the grand opening ribbon for Heritage Hall Nursing Home's newest building, which can be seen from Route 57. Looking on is Town Council President Donald M. Rheault (center) and administrator Jean Clifford (right). More photos on Pages 18 and 19. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THIS GOBBLER** at Maiden Valley Poultry Farm in Feeding Hills isn't sure if he likes Thanksgiving season.

## Thanksgiving Special Season For Local Turkey Growers

by Laura Dugan  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

"...With a gobble, gobble here,  
And a gobble, gobble there..."

A 200-300 bird flock of full-grown turkeys can make quite a fuss when most of them decide to gobble at the same time.

That's what goes on at this time of year at Impoco's Maiden Valley Poultry Farm on North Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. However, the adjacent large flock of young hens seems unimpressed.

### Family Business

Tony Impoco, with his father, Salvatore, and his sister, Paula, operate the family poultry business with the part-time help of two younger sisters. There are also seven other employees.

Tony's grandfather started the family business many years ago in a store in the Six Corners section of Springfield. The Impoco family has lived in Agawam since 1953 but it was not until 10 years ago that the land where the business is now located came on the market. They purchased the land, constructed the buildings, and expanded their business.

In early summer, the turkey pullets arrive and begin their eating binge. They are mostly white with a few bronze, divided about equally between hens and toms. By Thanksgiving time, they will dress out at an average weight of from 20 to 24 pounds. There will be a few 12 and 13 pound birds but the demand is mostly for the heavier ones.

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**THE GOBBLERS** were pictured at Maiden Valley Poultry Farm last week. Advertiser

News photo by Jack Devine.

#### TURKEYS - From Page 1...

The Flag of Learning and Liberty, now flying at the junior high, features:

\*A horizontal red stripe across its top depicting the strength and vitality of a democratic way of life.

\*A blue stripe running horizontally along the bottom which represents the stability and opportunity made possible by a strong system of education.

\*A centerfield of white which conveys the virtue and aspiration of a nation of free people.

\*The central focus of the flag is the emblem in the middle of the field. The design features:

\*Two gold flames at the top - one for learning and one for liberty. These flames are supported by a base of four elements, arranged in alternating blue and red pairs.

\*The blue elements represent the two key foundations of strong education - high expectations and effective teaching.

\*The red elements symbolize the cornerstone institutions of a democratic society - responsible families and involved communities.

"As elected School Committee members, we must join with educators to continue the efforts to help the public understand the importance of education in our democratic society," said Balboni.

"I've always been proud of the quality education we have in Agawam. Like everyone else, we have our problems. But in the long run, the goal of giving children the best education possible is continually being delivered in Agawam. We simply must find new and innovative ways, as well as getting back to the basics, to make certain this continues," he added.

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Tony expects to sell close to 400 fresh turkeys for the holidays. The majority will be sold for Thanksgiving consumption. A local restaurant orders its Thanksgiving turkeys from Impoco's. Regular customers place their orders early and most of the birds are sold at retail to individuals. Orders are already being taken for Christmas; it is best to order at least a week ahead of the holiday.

There is a modest farm sign on North Westfield Street directing customers down an unpaved road to the Impoco retail store. The store is not fancy but it is clean and all products are strictly fresh. Always available are dressed whole chickens, fryers (whole or cut up), soup chickens, and eggs.

The farm also raises ducks and a few geese for those who might desire such a bird for a special occasion. There is some demand for live poultry and the Impocos are able to supply that too. They also raise a few rabbits.

#### Impoco Quality A Source Of Pride

Tony is careful to insure that the Impoco name on all the products sold always means top quality. The business has developed through their many satisfied customers. Their only advertising is the small farm sign mentioned above, at 236 North Westfield Street.

Their 10-pound packages of chicken are very popular. One can purchase a 10-pound bag of fresh chicken breasts, either whole or split; a 10-pound bag of legs and thighs; a nine-pound package of three chickens, the average weight of a dressed chicken being three pounds. Packages of wings sell well and giblets are also sold in packages.

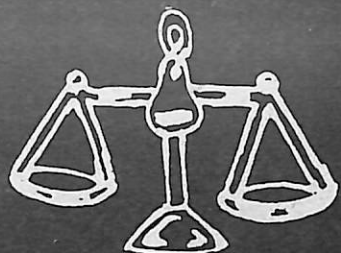
The geese and ducks are located around a small pond beside the entrance lane. Tony says they are excellent "watch dogs" - any kind of nighttime activity will start the geese honking.

The retail store, equipped with ample parking space, is open all year with two exceptions. There are two well-earned two-week vacation periods; one in January and another in August.

Regular store hours are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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## Fire Department Rules For Christmas Trees

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1. A natural tree shall not be permitted. Only artificial flame retardant and metallic trees are permitted.

2. Artificial trees shall be flame proof or of flame retardant material. Such trees must carry a UL label or a label from a nationally recognized testing laboratory indicating that such trees have been tested and approved for use.

3. Trees shall not be over seven feet in height.

4. Trees shall not be placed near any exit, stairway, or elevator shaft. All means of ingress and egress from the building must be maintained free, clear, and unobstructed at all times.

5. Trees shall be placed away from all

sources of heat.

6. A spotlight may be used to light up the tree, providing it is kept a safe distance from the tree.

7. Smoking shall not be permitted in the vicinity of the tree.

8. Electric lights are not permitted on metallic trees.

9. Electric light will be permitted on artificial flame retardant trees, provided that they are of the low wattage type.

10. All light strings and extension cords must be in proper condition and not frayed.

11. All paper streamers, cotton and bunting, and all other decorations must be of flame retardant material.

12. All exits shall be properly lighted. Emergency lights shall be provided and be in proper working order.

For further information, call Lieutenant Louis Calabrese, Fire Prevention Office, Agawam Fire Department.

## State To Enforce 55 Speed Limit This Week

The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, anticipating heavy traffic over the Thanksgiving Day weekend, issued a warning to motorists that the 55 mile per hour speed limit will be rigidly enforced along its 135 mile roadway.

Chairman John T. Driscoll said, "State police from Troop 'E,' which patrol the turnpike, will augment regular radar teams in order to discourage excessive speeding."

In addition, radio equipped emergency service patrol vehicles will assist police in locating and assisting motorists in disabled vehicles. A full force of toll collectors will be at all interchanges across the Commonwealth. Driscoll urged motorists to have the correct change at the interchanges so that it will help to speed up delays that may occur due to the heavy traffic.

Driscoll also said, "The Howard Johnson and Burger King Restaurants along the turnpike will provide free coffee to patrons of the turnpike to promote safe driving."

The gesture is intended to remind motorists that rest stops and coffee stops can help to keep drivers alert, thereby improving driving performance. Certificates will be distributed at toll plazas allowing motorists to be served coffee without charge from 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 28th, to 7:00 a.m. on Friday, November 29th. Service stations and restaurants along the turnpike will be opened 24 hours a day.

Driscoll added, "It has been proven that compliance with the 55 mile per hour speed limit saves gas, but equally important, has reduced fatalities by at least 10 percent annually along our nation's highways. It is equally important during this holiday that all motorists without exception, limit their speed to this legal limit. We are determined to enforce this law. In doing so, we will achieve a safer holiday for all."

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PROPOSED  
ZONE CHANGE HEARING  
IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED  
AND EIGHTY FIVE  
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972, to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Business B to Residential B for land located at Franklin St. in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point situated in the southeasterly corner of the parcel herein described, said point of beginning being the southwesterly corner of land, now or formerly, of Frank L. Evangelist; thence running, N43°35'30"W Along the northerly line of Franklin

Street, a distance of 225.00 feet to a point at other land of Cortese; thence N46°24'30"E Along other land of Cortese, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point; thence S43°35'30"E Along other land of Cortese, a distance of 225.00 feet to a point at land of Frank L. Evangelist; thence S46°24'30"W Along land of Evangelist, a distance of 150.00 feet to a point situated in the northerly line of Franklin Street, the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 33,750 square feet and all as shown on the attached sketch made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 356 Front Street, Chicopee, Mass. 01013, dated August 2, 1985.

An ordinance now before the Town Council.  
The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 16th, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on the above petitioned zone change of Tommaso & Dora Cortese.

U. Retzler  
Town Council Clerk  
Published: November 26th, 1985

TOWN OF AGAWAM  
Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1985 at 7:30 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of RONALD E. BENNETT who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 37 of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the retention of a single-family residence with less than the required side lot area at the premises known as 25 WOODCOCK COURT.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
Theodore A. Progulski  
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## Agawam Obituaries

### Robert T. Kelliher, Father Of Advertiser News Sports Editor

Robert T. Kelliher, 69, of 300 Forest Park Avenue, Springfield, a retired 10-year office manager and accountant for the Guilded Carbide division of Sandvik Corporation, and father of *Agawam Advertiser News* and *Southwick Suffield Advertiser News* Sports Editor Judith Kelliher, died Thursday, November 21st, in Baystate Medical Center.

A lifelong resident of Springfield, he was previously employed as vice president at the former F.L. Sanford Company of Springfield, now Hampden Dodge.

He graduated from Cathedral High School in 1933 and from Holy Cross College, Worcester, in 1937.

He was a captain in the Army Air Corps during World War II and served in the China-Burma and India theaters.

He was a member of the Holy Cross College Pioneer Valley Alumni and received the "Crusader of the Year Award," which was presented to him at the Annual President's Dinner earlier this month.

#### Carmel P. Biuso

Agawam: Carmel P. Biuso, 72, of 972 North Street in the Feeding Hills section, a retired 15-year machinist for Kaman Air Craft Company, Bloomfield, Connecticut, died Wednesday, November 21st, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield. Born in West Springfield, he had lived in Feeding Hills 35 years, retiring in 1975. He had also owned the Merrick Candy Company of West Springfield for 20 years. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church. His wife, the former Eileen Malone, died in 1971. He leaves two sons, Thomas N. of Newbury, New Hampshire, and John M. of Manchester, Connecticut; a daughter, Carolyn Couture of Agawam; two brothers, James V. of West Springfield and John P. of Westfield, and five grandchildren. The funeral was at Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

#### Katherine I. Carrigan

Agawam: Katherine I. (Sweeney) Carrigan, 90, of 61 Cooper Street, died Tuesday, November 20th, in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Worcester, she had lived in Springfield 50 years before moving to Agawam two years ago. She was a communicant of Holy Cross Church and a member of its Women's Club. She leaves a son, Frank J. of Wilbraham; a daughter, Nancy F.

He as a communicant of Holy Name Church, where he was a lector and served on the parish council.

He had also served as captain of the church's Stewardship Appeals.

He had been active in the Springfield Ski Club of Blandford since 1938 and was past president and a member of its board of directors.

He leaves his wife, the former Elizabeth B. Maloney; five sons, William B. of Bowie, Maryland, Robert T. Jr., Thomas M., Christopher J., and David P., all of Springfield; three daughters, Mary E. Marino, Anne Marie Kelliher, and Judith E. Kelliher, all of Springfield; a brother, Thomas F. of Springfield; and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was Monday morning, November 25th, at the T.P. Sampson Company, Chapel of the Acres, Tinkham Road, and in the church with burial at the convenience of the family.

Donations may be made to the Holy Name School library fund, or to Holy Cross College.

#### Nellie Boudry

Agawam: Nellie (Gota) Boudry of 45 Holland Drive, a retired 50-year co-owner of Boudry's Market at Morgan and Main streets, died Wednesday, November 20th, in Mercy Hospital, Springfield.

Born in Zgharta, Lebanon, she had lived in this area since 1908.

She retired in 1972.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Maronite Church, Springfield.

She leaves her husband of 57 years, James J. Boudry; three daughters, Madeline Akoury of Lexington, Kentucky, Eva T. Norman of Agawam and Jeannette Boudry at home; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and a great-greatchild.

The funeral was Saturday at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield.

Padgham of Laguna Beach, Florida; a sister, Sister Mary Cletus of Mont. St. Marie, Holyoke, and seven grandchildren. The funeral was Friday at the Hafey Forest Park Chapels, Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, Springfield. Donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of DAVID A. LADIZKI, AGENT FOR CYNTHIA LORGE who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 20, Paragraph 11 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of an animal hospital on the premises known as 1194 SPRINGFIELD STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
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# Best Wishes For A Bountiful And Happy Thanksgiving Day



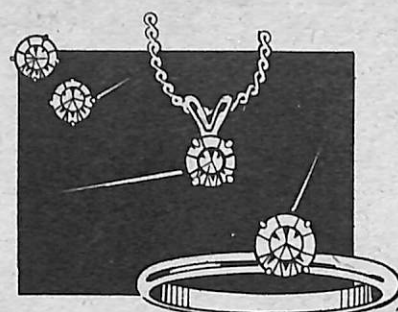
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# Families



**THE CAPTAIN CHARLES LEONARD HOUSE** received a nice donation from the Agawam Rotary Club last week. Participating in the brief check presentation ceremony are, from left - Dale Melanson, Leonard House treasurer; Jeanne Webster, secretary; and Richard Brindle, president; - Agawam Rotarians John Walsh, treasurer; Reverend Donald Morris, co-chairman of Rotary's Community Services Committee; and William Schoenborn, co-chairman of Community Services Committee. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Rotary Club Donates To Leonard House

Reverend Donald Morris and William Shoenborn, co-chairmen of the Community Service Committee of the Agawam Rotary Club, recently presented a check to Richard Brindle, chairman of the board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House, for the purchase of eight new folding tables.

The new formica top tables will be a welcome upgrading of equipment for the Leonard House and will be used by many civic and social groups that meet in the house, noted Brindle.

The Rotary Club selected the Captain Charles Leonard House as recipient of this fine gift after noting that since 1939, the house has served as a community center for the town.

During the past 46 years, all furnishing and maintenance expenses have been paid by civic organizations and by individuals that use the facilities, according to Brindle. To supplement the income required to keep the property in excellent condition, the Leonard House trustees conduct benefit tag sales and a "Friends Program."

Rev. Morris stated that the Agawam Rotary Club is dedicated to community service, giving financial assistance to worthy organizations and individuals.

The club also promotes high business ethics and conducts a student exchange program in the United States with European and South American countries.

Students between the ages of 15 to 18 who desire to participate in the exchange program, are asked to make formal application through their school offices or through their local Rotary clubs.

Brindle expressed deep appreciation to the Agawam Rotary Club for its generous gift to the Leonard House.

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## Catholic Women's Club Held Annual Communion Supper

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club held its Annual Communion Supper on Monday, November 18th. Mass was followed by a dinner catered by the Purple Onion of Holyoke.

Co-chairwomen of the event were Mrs. Joseph Lovotti and Mrs. Val Venzio. They were assisted by Ms. Mary Lou Amarosa, Mrs. Joseph Cardone, Mrs. Phillip Cardone, Mrs. Stanley Ciempa, Mrs. Esther McKinley, Mrs. Marion O'Rourke, Mrs. Donald Sorel, Mrs. Anne Stagnaro, Mrs. Ralph Wood, and Mrs. J. Clinton Wright.

Following dinner, Father Max Pauli, C.S.S.R., gave a talk on the roles of women in the church today and possible prospects for the future.

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MRS. ALAN R. HARDINA  
nee Pamela A. Circosta

## Pamela A. Circosta Weds Alan R. Hardina

Pamela A. Circosta, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. George Circosta, of 456 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, became the bride of Alan Richard Hardina in a ceremony at Sacred Heart Church. Parents of the bridegroom are Mr. & Mrs. Alan Hardina of 124 Anthony Street, Agawam.

Diane Circosta-Aspinall attended the bride as matron of honor. James Dow served as best man.

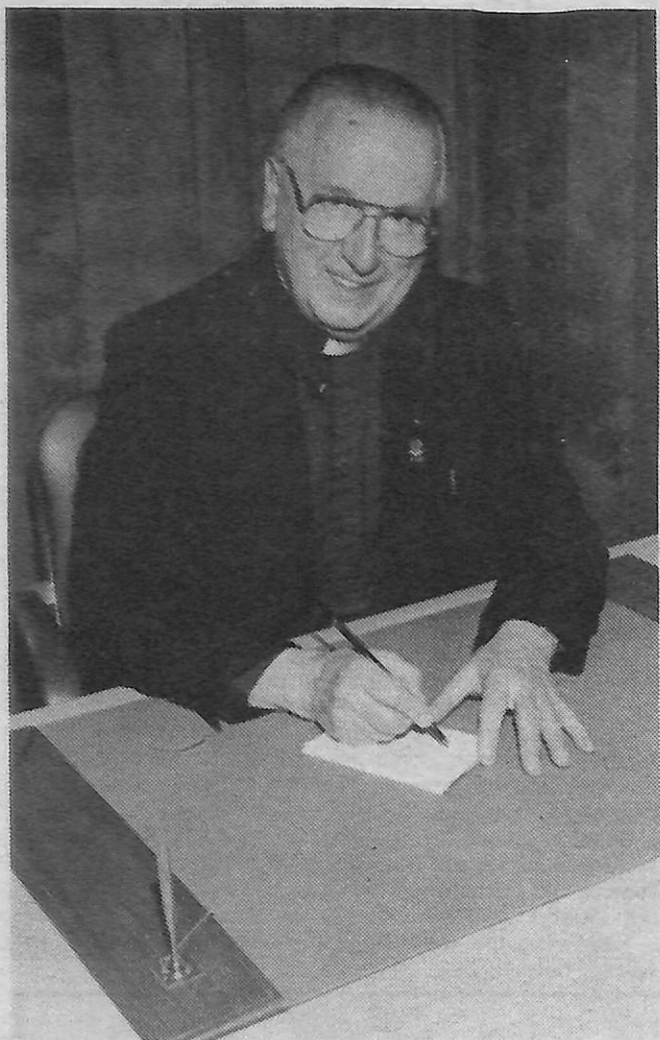
The bride is a graduate of Westfield State College. She is assistant head teller at Bank of New England West in Southwick. The bridegroom attended University of Lowell. He is a carpenter for Classic Builders.

## Zenith Colorguard Sponsors Holiday Craft Bazaar

Zenith Colorguard of Springfield will sponsor a Holiday Craft Bazaar on Saturday, December 7th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Greenleaf Community Center, Parker Street, Springfield.

Homemade decorations, crafts and gifts will be featured. The public is invited to attend.





**NEW AGAWAM UNICO chaplain Father Camillo Santini from Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills.**

### Father Santini Celebrant At Special UNICO Mass

Agawam Unico of Unico National will have its Third Annual Memorial Mass for its 17 departed members, Friday, November 29th, at 7:00 p.m., at St. Anthony's Church, 108 Bridge Street, North Agawam.

Reverend Camillo Santini, C.S.S., the chapter's new chaplain, will be the celebrant and will deliver the homily.

Readers will be Unicans Mike DeLucchi and Walter Balboni.

Gift bearers will be Joseph Andreis, Unico National President, and John Odierna, Massachusetts District I Governor.

Altar assistants will be Memorial Mass chairman Paul Ferrarini and chapter president Thomas Coppola.

Soloists will be Edward Girotti and music will be by the St. Anthony's Choir, under the direction of Alfred Mutti. Organist will be Joyce Polastri.

Committee members are Frank Chriscola, Mike Natale, Frank Gatti, Lou Sherpa, Al Dellapegorara, Ray Girotti, and Fred Montesi.

The departed members who will be remembered at this Mass are Alphonse Alfano, John Beltrandi, Albert Bongiovani, Anthony Bouniconti, Nicholas Chechile, Paul D'Amato, Nicholas DePalo, Louis DePalma, Anthony DiDonato, Dominic Maiola, James Mercandante, Anthony Natale, Francis Rosso, James Spagnola, Lee Zanotti, Anthony Zerra, and Nicholas Zucco.

As each name of a departed member is read, a chime will toll in the background and a member of the family, or a friend, is asked to come forward and light one of the 17 vigil candles that will be on the altar.

Especially invited to this event are members' wives.

Immediately following the Mass, all are invited to join with Unicans at a social in the church hall, downstairs in the church.



**NEWLY-WEDS MR. & MRS. ROBERT P. MORACE**

### Shriners' Hospital Prepares For Tiny Tim

It doesn't matter if you're a boy or a girl. If you are a patient at Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children in Springfield, you are now known as "Tiny Tim" from now to the end of the year.

That's because of the overwhelmingly traditional response that's been generated over the past six years by people of all ages throughout Western Massachusetts and nearby Connecticut, who take a few minutes out of their busy holiday schedule to mail a card to "Tiny Tim" at Shriners' Hospital.

It all began back in 1979 when WGGB, Channel 40 weatherman Paul Sutton of Agawam, asked viewers to partake in a simple but warm holiday gesture of mailing a card to the generic name of "Tiny Tim," care of Shriners' Hospital, 514 Carew Street, Springfield, Massachusetts.

The response was so gratifying that first year with over 12,000 cards received during the holiday season, that it was decided by all involved to continue "Operation Tiny Tim" as an annual event.

In recent years, the number of cards received has increased to an average of 20,000.

It is truly a way of quickly getting into the true spirit of Christmas as it costs very little to mail a Christmas, Hanukka, or for that matter, any friendly greeting card to someone who will really appreciate it. What's more, some of the warm feeling that goes with that card is sure to remain with its sender for a long time afterward.

The attitude about the over-commercialization of Christmas is short-lived if one just takes a couple of minutes to send a card and perhaps jot down a little cheerful message to: Tiny Tim, Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, 514 Carew Street, Springfield, Massachusetts 01104.

### Feeding Hills Women's Club To Hold December Meeting

The December meeting of the Feeding Hills Women's Club will be held on Wednesday, December 4th, at 8:00 p.m., at the Grange Hall, North West Street, Feeding Hills.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Orlitzki with "Art and Christmas Trees" slides from Disneyland. Members are reminded to bring mittens for the "Mitten Tree," for distribution by the Agawam Junior Women's Club Clearinghouse.

There will also be an exchange of gifts and carol singing. Guests are sincerely welcomed.

### Kathleen Chapman Weds Robert Paul Morace

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth F. Chapman and Mr. & Mrs. George V. Morace would like to announce the recent marriage of their children, Kathleen Danyl and Robert Paul.

The wedding took place on October 25th, at St. John's Evangelist Church, Main Street, Agawam.

The newlyweds are residing in West Springfield.

### Community Grange Resumes Weekly Card Parties

After Thanksgiving, Community Grange will resume its weekly card parties on Thursday evenings at the Grange Home, 47 North West Street, starting at 7:30 p.m. Progressive whist is played and groceries such as steaks, bacon, and eggs are given as prizes. Refreshments are served at no extra charge.

Anyone not confident of how Grange members play is welcomed by seasoned players and soon enjoys the friendly evenings all look forward to.

For more information, please call 786-6172

### MUNICIPAL EVENTS

#### COLONIAL FUNERAL HOME

**Wednesday, November 27th**  
Schools Close Half-Day  
Thanksgiving Break

**Thursday, November 28th**  
Thanksgiving Day  
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**Friday, November 29th**  
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**Monday, December 2nd**  
Town Council Meeting  
Public Library  
8:00 P.M.

**Tuesday, December 10th**  
School Committee Meeting  
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# Planning For Sacred Heart Holiday Bazaar



**THE LOG CABIN QUILT** pictured above was made by seven women of the Rosary Altar Society of the Sacred Heart Church, to be raffled off at their Annual Bazaar on December 6th and 7th. Working on the quilt, are, from left - Nancy Doucette, Mary Ladner, Helen Griffin, Mary Cimaroli, and Lee Dion. Not pictured are Freida Seymour and Annette Phaneuf. The quilt is made in various shades of blue with a pink center. Tickets for the raffle can be obtained from any member of the Rosary Altar Society. It will be on display in the entrance of the Parish Center during the bazaar. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Heart Association Tips For Holiday Eating

As Thanksgiving time draws near, we begin to look forward to the holiday celebrations that will last through the New Year.

All too often, the dinners and parties that are part of holiday festivities feature foods and beverages high in fat, cholesterol, and calories.

But enjoying the season's merrymaking doesn't have to mean a break from healthy eating habits. This year, start the holidays with a promise to yourself to enjoy a healthy and wise Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, and New Year. It's not so difficult.

Consider the main course of the traditional Thanksgiving dinner — turkey. There are only 163 calories in a three-ounce serving of white meat without the skin. And turkey is relatively low in saturated fats.

Skip the gravy, or better yet, learn to make a low-fat version. Approach the dressing with discretion, and enjoy plenty of salad and vegetables.

When you are baking your Thanksgiving pumpkin pie, substitute evaporated skim milk for the regular evaporated milk, and use three egg whites instead of two whole eggs.

Instead of whipped cream, top your pie with a low-fat topping: the *American Heart Association Cookbook* contains a tasty recipe for poly whipped topping that is made with non-fat dry milk and contains only 20 calories per tablespoon. You can delight to a scrumptious holiday meal that won't devastate your waistline.

Even if you make it through the Thanksgiving dinner, one of the biggest downfalls in weight control programs during the holidays are cocktail parties.

Whether it's an office get-together, a neighborhood open house, or a family reunion, the refreshments tend to consist of high calorie snacks and alcoholic beverages. Instead of high-fat finger foods like cheeses or butter cookies, and highly salted munchies like nuts and chips, treat yourself to fresh vegetables and fruits.

Another good tip that will help you avoid overindulging at parties is to move away from the refreshment table. As for alcoholic beverages, don't use the holiday season as an excuse to overdo — not only is alcohol high in calories but it can present an even more serious, and immediate risk when you mix your drink with driving.

If you do want to enjoy a drink, limit the amount of alcohol, and don't drive if you have been drinking.

During the holiday season, family members often join together in the kitchen to create a festive assortment of cookies. The *American Heart Association Cookbook* features several cookie recipes that take into consideration a low cholesterol diet. You will find these goodies a great treat to share with friends and family.

Include exercise with your socializing. Schedule a date with friends for a walk or run. Go ice skating or roller skating with the family. Enjoy down-hill or cross-country skiing, or sledding. And have a healthy and safe season!

## Registry of Deeds...

Total documents for week ending November 15th.

REGISTRY	LAND REGISTRATION	
Deeds	235	Deeds 8
Mortgages	287	Mortgages 15
Discharges	348	Discharges 11
Foreclosures	1	Foreclosures 0
Attachments	2	Attachments 0
Miscellaneous	369	Miscellaneous 27
Total	1,242	Total 61

Submitted by Donald E. Ashe, Register of Deeds

## School Secretaries Hold Holiday Dinner-Meeting

Agawam School Department secretaries from all of the schools, business office and Special Services Department gathered for a holiday dinner-meeting at DaVinci's Restaurant in Feeding Hills on Tuesday, November 19th.

A spokeswoman for the group commented that despite the relatively short advance notice, 21 of the 25 school secretaries were able to attend, and felt that it was attributed to the good relationship and close bond that has always prevailed within the unit.

Since a delicious dinner and a good time was enjoyed by all that attended, the group looks forward to making this an annual event each Christmas holiday season.

## Mercy Warren Chapter DAR To Hear Guest Speakers

The Mercy Warren Chapter of DAR will meet on Tuesday, December 3rd, in the Guild Room of Faith Church, Sumner Avenue, Springfield. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., preceded by tea at 12:15 p.m.

The program will feature Dr. Melvin Williams, author, teacher, and ordained Congregational minister. He will present "Stories in Stone: Early New England Graveyards."

Special guests at the meeting will be from local historical societies. The American Heritage Corner will feature old gemstones and antique jewelry. The Hannah Dustin Club will hostess the tea.

Following the meeting, a Christmas silent auction will be held.

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## MORE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

by Vi Massoia

The Hampden Country Club in Hampden was the scene of a surprise anniversary party on Sunday, November 17th, for SID & PAT HARVEY of Tracy Drive, Agawam.

They were married November 19th, 1960, and have two daughters, LEE and LORI. This truly surprised couple celebrated with over 70 family and friends.

TED HEBERT of Springfield took video pictures of the festivities hosted by daughters Lee and Lori, with the assistance of their mother's maid of honor and her husband (JUDY & JIM WALLACE of Dalton).

Pat's sister and brother-in-law, JACKEE & LEN BALL of Hayward, California could not attend the party, but remembered the couple with a singing telegram.

MARILYN BECK of Agawam, Sid's mom, MRS. SIDNEY P. HARVEY SR. of Oakland, California also could not attend.

We certainly cannot forget Pat's parents, MR. & MRS. ALFRED MARCHETTI of Springfield. With the help of the above mentioned people, this is certainly one anniversary the Harveys will remember for many years to come. Congratulations.

The Agawam Junior Women would like to give a special thank you to DAVE GALLERANI, PAUL PIRNIE, MIKE SEMANIE, JOHN DIALESSI and JOHN HYLAND for their muscles on the club's paper drive. Also for the boys — SHAWN PIRNIE, little SEAN, MICHAEL SEMANIE, MANNY POULOS, and little DAVE.

Without their help, it wouldn't have been such a success. Thank you, guys.

LOU MASSOIA would like to say thanks to all the Agawam residents who voted for him for the Agawam School Committee.

Special belated birthday wishes, "Number 40," to ROY GIORDANO, from JEAN, JOANNA, JESSICA & JAMIE.

No, it's not from a fan club of "J's," but from the women who light up his life; his wife and three daughters.

Friends and Neighbors would like to send birthday wishes across the miles to BRIAN & DALE (KUNASEK) TAYLOR in El Paso, Texas, where BRIAN is stationed at Fort Bliss Army Base.

Dale's birthday is Saturday the 23rd and Brian's is Wednesday the 27th.

Monday, November 25th, the family of MRS. MAUD DAIGNEAU wish her a happy 84th birthday.

Mrs. Daigneau resides at 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills. She was born in Indian Orchard in 1901 and grew up in Feeding Hills. She was married for 50 years to the late EDWARD A. DAIGNEAU. They raised their nine children in Feeding Hills; ARTHUR, EARL, GILS, and MRS. MARIE McDONALD, all of Agawam; PAUL of Cape Cod, and MRS. PRISCILLA VIOLETT of Westfield.

She has 21 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Happy birthday "Mom and Memere."



MRS. MAUD DAIGNEAU

DERRICK MAX OBERA was born on November 10th. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 1/2 ounces and measured 20 1/2 inches. He is the first child of MAX & ANN OBERA of Pheasant Way, Chicopee. Grandparents for the first time are LOU & LOIS MIODOWSKI of Suffield Street, Agawam. Grandparents on Dad's side are Max & HELEN OBERA of Chicopee. Great-grandmother EDNA SMITH lives in West Springfield.

Although his 40th birthday was on Sunday, November 17th, a surprise party was held on Saturday, November 16th for ROY GIORDANO of Robin Lane, Feeding Hills. The party, which was held at the American Legion on Springfield Street, was attended by 50 people and was given by his wife, JEAN, and other family members and friends.

The order put in was for a "baby sister" and that's exactly what three-and-a-half-year-old TONY got when GINA MARIE was born on November 14th. She weighed 6 pounds, nine ounces and measured 20 inches

long. She is the first daughter of TONY & LORI RUSCIO of Clover Hill Drive, Feeding Hills. Gina has another brother, Michael, 2.

Overjoyed grandparents of this little bundle of pink are ROSE & FRANCIS JOHNSON of Cooper Street, Agawam, and ELIZABETH RUSCIO of Springfield.

Former town residents called to let Friends and Neighbors know that they have a new arrival.

GEOFFREY ROBERT LUCAS was born five weeks early on November 14th. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces, and measured 19 inches long.

Totally surprised parents (because of his early arrival) are BILL & DEBBIE LUCAS of 80 Franham Lane, Westfield, and formerly of 420 Main Street, Agawam. Grandparents on mom's side are ROBERT ANDRAS of Westfield and PATRICIA ANDRAS of Charleston, South Carolina, and LEOCADIA (CLEO) LUCAS and the late WILLIAM (BILL) LUCAS of Westfield.

Great-grandpa FRANK ANDRAS also lives in Westfield. Proud of his new brother and always willing to help care for him is "big brother" BRYAN.

Belated birthday wishes to LINDA (or Lyn) who works in the seafood department at the Agawam Food Mart.

She was surprised on Thursday, November 21st, with a decorated cupcake and only one candle. A couple of the gals from the back room (no doubt the bakery crew) sang happy birthday to her.

Belated birthday wishes are being sent to SANDY KUNASEK of Sequoia Drive, Feeding Hills. She celebrated her special day on November 14th.

The big 50 has hit again - this time it's STEVE SLIECH who will be celebrating his birthday on December 1st.

Happy birthday wishes are being sent to Steve from his wife VI, family, and friends.

Celebrating his 8th birthday on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th, is BRYAN LUCAS of Franham Lane, Westfield, and formerly of Main Street, Agawam.

"Big brother" of newborn GEOFFREY, Bryan is a former second grade student at Phelps School in Agawam, and now attends Juniper Park School in Westfield.

Happy birthday and happy turkey day to Bryan.

An open message of love to two very special people. Happy anniversary to BETTY & AL GEOFFRION of North Street, Feeding Hills who will celebrate their 46th anniversary on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th (the same day they were married on).

This message comes from daughter and son-in-law, JOYCE & PAUL BEAUDET, and grandchildren DAVE & DENISE, who are especially thankful on this Thanksgiving to still have them both together and healthy.

Congratulations and may you have many more.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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## Former Resident Strniste Conducting Important Radiation Research

Dr. Gary Strniste, a 1962 graduate of Agawam High School, and son of Robert K. and Alice Strniste of 76 Monroe Street, Agawam, is involved in a radiation research project at Los Alamos Laboratories in New Mexico for the United States government.

Strniste is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in 1966 and Penn State University for graduate work.

We've listened to the controversy for years: Do repeated exposures to low-level radiation add up to the same danger as a single large dose?

Not necessarily, according to researchers in the Lab's Life Sciences division.

Gary Strniste and David Chen of Genetics (LS-3) have found that cells from the human body can usually recover from repeated exposures to low-level radiation and continue to reproduce normally. The same radiation exposure in a single dose would tear apart the cells' recuperative abilities and lead to mutations, precancerous changes and death.

The scientists said their research adds to what people have discovered over the last 30 years about radiation. It may also contradict the popular belief that all cell damage from radiation exposures accumulates over a lifetime.

Strniste and Chen found that the cells receiving regular but low exposures to X-rays can repair damage that would otherwise lead to mutations or cancer.

### Evaluate Individual Risk

Their work may lead eventually to techniques that evaluate individual risk among people who can't avoid radioactive environments. That could be good news for cancer patients receiving radiotherapy and for astronauts among others. It may even be possible to someday enhance a person's biological resistance to radiation.

Since World War II, Strniste said, many researchers have based ideas about low-level radiation on what happened after exposures to high levels of radiation. Some of those studies have used animals and animal cells, and others extrapolated from high-level radiation exposure to people in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It's very difficult, Chen said, to precisely determine exposures that may have occurred to people years ago. And very few laboratory studies of low-level radiation have used normal cells taken from the human body. But the LS-3 researchers do use normal human cells whose changes can be precisely measured.

What happens to those cells is particularly important because the average person is constantly exposed to low levels of natural background radiation and to additional low levels while watching television, flying in airplanes, receiving medical X-rays or just living at high altitudes.

Strniste and Chen have concentrated on how skin cells called fibroblasts respond to the same amount of total radiation given in two different ways. Batches of cells were exposed to low-level X-rays every day for four weeks, and similar groups of cells received the same exposure at one time.



Former Agawam resident Gary Strniste pictured with his wife, Virginia.

Strniste explained that the low-level X-rays caused damage in the form of lesions to the cells' DNA. However, the cells had time to repair their DNA before reproducing. DNA, or deoxyribonucleic acid, is the part of a cell that contains instructions for normal growth, reproduction and repair.

By contrast, cells exposed to a single intense exposure of X-rays had far more lesions, enough to overwhelm the normal cellular repair mechanisms. These cells either died or mutated.

"We're seeing a battle between insult and repair," Strniste said. "If the insult, such as radiation exposure, overtakes repair, the result could be cancer. If repair keeps a step ahead of exposure, nothing may go wrong."

He drew an analogy to how people vary in their sensitivity to the ultra-violet radiation in sunlight. "Some people burn easier than others, some heal faster than others," he said. "The same may be true with ionizing radiation, and we would like to identify the mechanisms involved."

Applying such knowledge about radiation and cell repair could conceivably lead to a type of risk assessment. By analyzing astronauts' risk and improving their resistance, for example, it may be possible to protect them on long space missions or while they conduct extended research on the moon, as is planned for the next century. Several months in space would result in a substantial radiation exposure, and astronauts with above-average or enhanced resistance to radiation could also be selected for these missions.

### Understanding Cellular Responses

Yet another application for understanding cellular responses to radiation could be after industrial accidents. Once such accident occurred in 1983 when people were exposed to cobalt-60 in a Juarez, Mexico, salvage yard. In the future, it may be possible for physicians to determine specific radiation exposure by looking at the cells' DNA, then tailor appropriate medical treatment to the victims.

Another avenue of research might identify the specific biological mechanisms that turn on and off biological resistance to radiation, he added. "You could, in a sense, pretreat people who have unavoidable exposures to radiation, such as cancer patients about to undergo radiotherapy. In that instance, we would want to turn on normal cells, enhancing their resistance to radiation and making the therapy more effective."

Strniste and Chen's experiments have used only two types of radiation, X-rays and alpha particles. So far, they have found that cellular damage from alpha particles is cumulative, partly because of the differences in how X-rays and alpha particles release their energy. X-rays, they said, damage DNA in a way that is at least partially repairable. Alpha particles let go of their energy in a burst devastating to the cell.

They're eager to experiment with other types of radiation and to unlock the specific cellular repair mechanisms.

"Cellular and molecular biology have evolved enough for people to ask and answer meaningful questions about the genetic effects of radiation," Strniste said. "Los Alamos is a particularly good place to conduct this type of research because of the diverse available resources, including the tools of recombinant DNA technology, varied radiation sources, flow cytometry and researchers from many disciplines."

The researchers have been assisted by techs Judy Bingham, Esther Wilmonth and Judy Tesmer and summer students Joyce Honsinger and Angie Lee. Their work is funded through the institutional supporting research and the development budget of National Security Programs.



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### How I Spend Thanksgiving Day

I go to my grandma and grandpa's house on Thanksgiving Day. I have a big turkey with stuffing in it. We eat it all up. Then my dad and grandpa watch football. We go back home. Later my cousins come over. I am thankful for my family and house.

**Jeffrey Mutti**

We eat a lot of turkey at my grandmother's house. A lot of our family come too. After we eat we play games. I am thankful for our turkey dinner and the Pilgrims and the Indians.

**Christopher Sullivan**

My whole family goes to my grandma's on Thanksgiving Day. We play games after we eat. We have turkey and mashed potatoes to eat. I feel good on Thanksgiving Day because I eat a lot of food. I am thankful for the Pilgrims and Indians because they ate together on the first Thanksgiving Day.

**Jill Pavelczyk**

We go to grandma's and have turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy. After we eat we play. I am thankful for my home and my family.

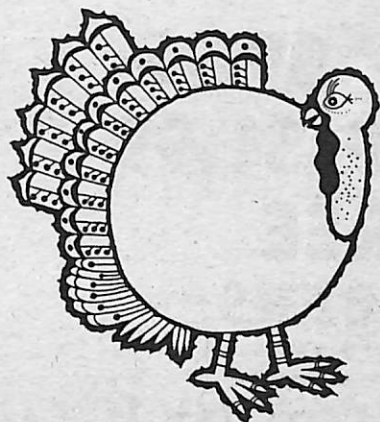
**Nicholas Devanski**

I am going to have turkey at my grandmother's house. We are going to play games and have cake and ice cream because it is my birthday.

**Shannon Beaudry**

We have a Thanksgiving turkey and we go out somewhere. I hug and kiss my mom and dad and my dogs and cat because I am thankful for them.

**Dale Keeley**



On Thanksgiving Day we play Indians and Pilgrims. My mom paints our faces and makes hats. We eat potatoes and turkey. My grandma and grandpa come over. We say our prayers to thank God.

**Kristin Loney**

On Thanksgiving Day we go to my grandmother's house. We eat turkey and escarole and for dessert we have chocolate cream pie. I feel sad for the Pilgrims. I feel proud on Thanksgiving.

**James Antico**

I stay home and my aunts and uncles come over. My cousins and I play in the leaves. I eat turkey. I am thankful for the Indians and Pilgrims. I am thankful for all the food God gave us.

**Jamie Buiso**

We go over to grandma's. I am thankful for our family. We eat turkey.

**Nicholas DellaGuistina**

We eat turkey. I go over to my aunt's house. I am thankful for Indians.

**Carmine Keane**

I eat turkey. Sometimes I go to people's houses. I am going to my cousin's. My friends and I play Indians.

**Todd Godfrey**

I have my family come over. We have a big dinner. We play lots of games altogether. We make teepees out of paper and make villages with them. We make people and Indians then cut them out. We make turkeys and hang them in the windows.

**Melissa Troie**

I play on Thanksgiving. I eat turkey. I play with my cousins. I stay home for Thanksgiving. I am thankful for Thanksgiving.

**Meredith Siana**

We stay home and have turkey. All of my cousins and relatives come over. I am thankful for Indians and Pilgrims. I eat some turkey.

**Jill Lungarini**

I go over my grandmother's. I eat turkey. I play games with my sister. I watch t.v. I play outside. I am thankful for my grandmother, my mother, my dad, my sisters, my grandpa, Clark School and my friends.

**Tammy Balsam**

We sometimes go to our next door neighbor's and we play. Then they cook the turkey and vegetables. After we eat we play again. I am thankful for the food. My mom and Dianne play cards. We play pop the balloons. Then we play hide and seek. Then we go home.

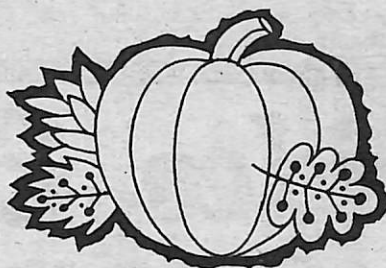
**Jessica Roy**

My family and I go to my grandma and grandpa's. We eat a turkey dinner. My favorite thing to eat is the turkey and stuffing. We give thanks. We have fun.

**Danielle Curley**

I go to my grandma and grandpa's for Thanksgiving. I play with my cousins and my sister. We eat turkey, stuffing, squash, mashed potatoes and ice cream for dessert. I give thanks for the Indians and for my mom and dad.

**Steven Sands**



On Thanksgiving I go to my grandma and grandpa's house. We have a big feast. We eat turkey, salad and cherry pie. The grown-ups sit at a big table and the kids sit at the big one or a smaller one. I sit at the smaller one. We give thanks and we say grace. After our meal is finished, I sometimes play with my cousins. After we leave, we go to my other cousin's house.

**Christopher Bitzas**

Usually my whole family comes to my house and we eat turkey, mashed potatoes and frozen corn. Me, Rosie, and Clara sit at a smaller table. After that we make Indian things and play. We are thankful for the Indians and the Pilgrims.

**Philip vonHollander**

We take turns at Thanksgiving. Actually every Thanksgiving we take turns. We get together with my grandma and grandpa and cousins and aunts and uncles. We eat turkey, squash, beans, mashed potatoes and ice cream for dessert.

**Eric Belisle**

We have Thanksgiving at my house. My grandmother and my aunt and uncle come to my house. Me and my sister play games. After we play, we have a big feast. We have turkey, corn, mashed potatoes and stuffing. We eat jello for dessert. We give thanks for the food. We have fun at Thanksgiving.

**Paula Flebotte**

## Clark School Grade 2, Room 6, Mrs. Goodwin

### Thanksgiving At My House

On Thanksgiving Day I play with my cousin and my brother. My dad prepares our Thanksgiving dinner. He makes turkey, pumpkin pie, ham, string beans, peas and carrots, and pudding. My dad's a great cook, and he makes our Thanksgiving Day special!

**Anthony Russo**

One day before Thanksgiving my family will go to Africa for Thanksgiving. My father and I will hunt animals. My mom and my sister will put up the tent. Then we will celebrate Thanksgiving together.

**Jacob Reid**

I have Thanksgiving at my house. Thanksgiving Day is a special day. I have turkey for my dinner. I think we have Thanksgiving Day to be grateful for our families, our food, and our freedom.

**Kevin Bovat**

On Thanksgiving Day at my house, my family and I first eat turkey. Then we eat dessert — my favorite dessert is chocolate pudding! After eating, I like to go outside to play with my cousins. Our guests then go home, and I am thankful for a nice day.

**Kerri Lawrence**

On Thanksgiving, my family and I watch the parade on television. After that, we eat our meal. We all pray before we eat. We pray for all the good foods we have to eat.

**Karyn Robblee**

My family will travel to Oklahoma this Thanksgiving to visit my grandmother and all of my relatives. It is snowing in Oklahoma now, and maybe I'll be able to play outdoors in the snow. Thanksgiving is a very important holiday! This year it will be very special!

**Sarah Watson**

On Thanksgiving Day I will go to Abdo's Restaurant. It is fun because the food is tasty and Mom gets a Thanksgiving treat by not having to cook the meal and wash the dishes. My family stays until 4:00 p.m., then we go home so I can play football.

**Brendan Silk**

On Thanksgiving, my aunts and uncles, cousins and my grandmother and grandfather eat dinner at my house. We eat turkey and lots of other good things. We talk and then the children play games. Thanksgiving is nice!

**Nancy Cuccovia**

My mom, dad, and sister Monica eat Thanksgiving dinner at Aunt Muriel and Uncle John's house. We have turkey, cranberry sauce, peas, corn and other yummy things. This holiday is fun because I see my cousins Ian and Tommy, and we play together.

**Jeanne Moriarty**

On Thanksgiving Day, we dress as Pilgrims each year. We eat turkey, bread, peas, and much more. I play games with my cousins. I have fun every Thanksgiving Day at my cousin's house.

**Alisa Harvey**

On Thanksgiving Day I sometimes watch the football game. We eat turkey, potatoes, peas, broccoli, and carrots. I also play with my brother Darryl and my cousins. I am thankful for this special holiday.

**Joseph Lamagdeleine**

This Thanksgiving my grandmother from Springfield and my cousin are coming to my house for dinner. After we eat a big dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and dessert, my cousin Peter and I play with my things. Thanksgiving is a nice holiday.

**Thomas Gage**





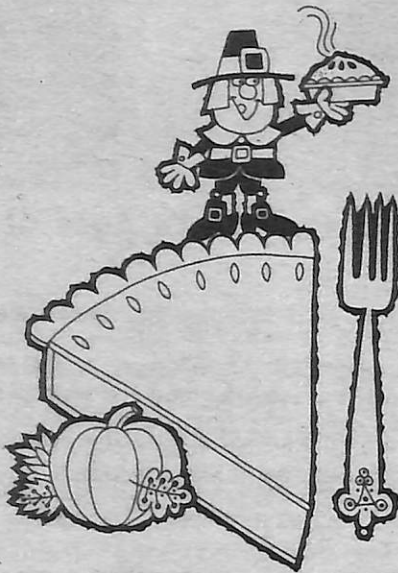
# THANKSGIVING

On Thanksgiving Day at my house, I eat turkey, salad, chicken, and corn. Sometimes I eat pumpkin pie and it is good! My mom, dad, and my brother David eat together. After dinner, I go to my Aunt Alba's house and play. I like Thanksgiving a lot! It is fun!

**Michael Fusick**

On Thanksgiving Day I go to my grandmother's house. I have a lot of food. I enjoy everything! After dinner my aunt and uncle are invited to my grandmother's house for a visit. Thanksgiving is a really nice holiday.

**Peter Christopher**



## Granger School

Grade 2, Mrs. Lewis

## Our Thanksgiving

My grandma and grampa are coming up with my uncles and my aunts and my cousins too. Everybody is going to sleep in a hotel and everybody is going to eat at my house. We are going to play football in my yard and I can almost taste the turkey and potatoes with gravy and cranberry sauce. And we are going to have hors d'oeuvres before dinner. I am thankful for my family.

**Benjamin McHugh**

On Thanksgiving I am going to my aunt's. Sometimes we have stuffing. Sometimes my father and I break a wishbone crack! We go to my mother's mother. I play games with my cousins. But one thing I like about Thanksgiving. It is good! Have a gobble good of a Thanksgiving.

**Daniel R. Lancour**

I'm going to have Thanksgiving at my house and everyone is coming to my house. We will have turkey and gravy and we will have lots of other food. We will watch the t.v. and watch a Thanksgiving movie and we will watch regular t.v. and maybe I will go to the Enfield football game. We will have a feast. I even play on Thanksgiving. I hope so.

**Kamaris N. Lessard**

On Thanksgiving all my family are coming to my grandmother's. I will have some hot corn and turkey and some hot apple pie when we are done eating our food. And all my mother's aunts are coming up to help wash the dishes. I do lots of things with my cousin Denice. After we are done with our pie we can go outside and play hide-and-seek and she has to count. We play hide-and-seek a lot.

**Katherine A. Paradysz**

On Thanksgiving Day we usually eat corn, turkey, beans, buns, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and gravy. After we eat we go into the living room and read books or watch t.v., and I have to come up to wash the dishes. And after we eat we play ball outside. I am thankful for food, my family, people, schools, stores, God, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, Veteran's Day, Flag Day, and Easter.

**Michelle Jacobs**

On Thanksgiving I am going to my grandmother's house. Every Thanksgiving I go on a hay ride. At my grandmother's house I play football, baseball, baseball soccer, and frisbee tag.

At my grandmother's house I go chopping down trees in the woods. I play in the leaves with my cousins and my uncles.

I have turkey with gravy on top. I sometimes ride the horses.

Sometimes I go to a football game.

One time I was going to go to a football game but it was raining.

**Anthony P. Fillian**

On Thanksgiving we are going out or we might go to my grandma's like we did last year. But if you go out you can go to Showbiz Pizza. Or you can go to someone's house. When you have Thanksgiving you can have turkey, cranberries, yams and chestnuts. They are good. And if you cook it right it will be crispy, tender and juicy. Gobble, gobble. And if you are still hungry, you can have a sandwich. I am thankful for Thanksgiving and for Halloween.

**September Howard**

On Thanksgiving my grandmother and my aunts and uncles and cousins are coming over. We will eat turkey and cranberry sauce and mashed potatoes in gravy. Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. The pilgrims and Indians gathered together. I am thankful for my parents.

**Jessica Sassarone**

My uncle and my aunts and my cousins are coming over to eat at my house. We might play basketball. We might have the biggest feast ever. We might give out presents. I am thankful for the food because it's delicious.

**Gregory Wegrzyn**



On Thanksgiving I'm having my birthday party from my parents. The day after Thanksgiving I am having a party for the kids. On Thanksgiving I am watching a football game.

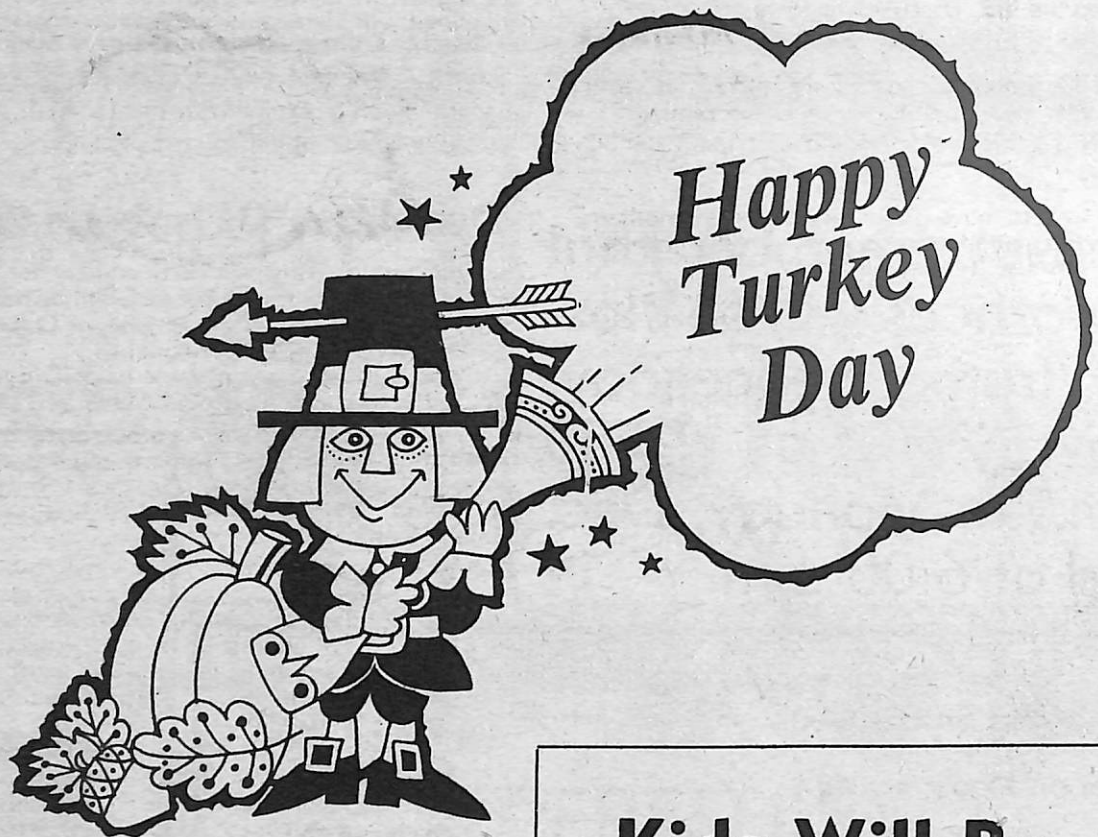
On Thanksgiving I am having a turkey to eat. I am going to see my uncles. I am going to see my aunts and my dad and mom and my grandmothers and my grandfather. At night I am watching another football game. I am going to clean my hamster's cage. And then play with my hamster.

**Ryan Hedges**

Thanksgiving. I will be going to my grandma's for Thanksgiving. We will be having lots of good foods. You want to know why I will tell you why. She is a very good cook. I like to have turkey on Thanksgiving and I like to have applesauce. I like going to baseball games and my grandma's because every Thanksgiving she buys me a toy and my grandpa brings me bowling and my father is bringing me to Toys R Us.

I'm thankful for my father and my mother. I like the way my father brings me to Toys R Us and he brings me to baseball games.

**David McClain**



## Kids Will Be... KIDS

We've been running Kids' Corner for about three years now. Without question, the ones published from kids at Clark & Granger Elementary Schools are by far the most interesting and amusing to date. We thank the teachers and children for their participation.

Thanksgiving.

I usually go to my aunts and uncles for Thanksgiving. But this year I am going to New York City. My mother and father went there and said, "Erica you can go." I went there once. I always eat turkey. It's not even done in a few weeks. When I sometimes go to my aunt's, my whole family comes. My grandmother had 11 kids! Her name is Kay. So is my mother's. My other grandmother had four kids. I have a big family. I like Thanksgiving. Christmas is close. I'm thankful for everything I eat. The Indians and Pilgrims made Thanksgiving a holiday. In school we are talking about them. It is fun. The end.

**Erica C. Schlaffer**

Thanksgiving.

I think we are going to grandma's and grandpa's for Thanksgiving. At grandma's we are going to watch some parades. Where grandma and grandpa live is Pittsfield. We might say the pledge of allegiance if Angie brings her flag. I am thankful for mommy and daddy.

**Theodore Gontczaruk**



## News, Activities At Agawam Senior Center

**An open letter of thanks** from Activities Director Sandra Smith, to all the people who contributed so much to the success of the Senior Center Bazaar on November 16th; to the folks who contributed baked goods and other items for the sale tables; to the volunteers and committee members who contributed many hours of their time; to the *Agawam Advertiser News* for the fine picture coverage; and of course, to all the people who came in all day despite the snowstorm. The Center couldn't have done it without you.

**New assistant** in the Senior Center kitchen is Josephine Capodagli of Feeding Hills. A warm welcome to you, Josie.

**A New Agawam-West Side rivalry** - not in football but in pool. Rumors have been heard that the West Side Senior pool players think they can beat the Agawam boys, anytime. Well, those are fighting words. Agawam pool players can sign up with Richard or Ginny to form a group to pick up the challenge. How about it, fellows?

**Candy Sales.** Through the generosity of local merchants, the Activities Committee has been able to set-up sale tables on November 20th and 26th, at Ames Department Store, Southgate Shopping Center; Smith's Drug Store, Suffield Street; and at Waldbaum's Food Mart in the Walnut Street Shopping Center.

Committee members working at the stores were: Lillian Ruell, Peg Bellano, Kay Aldrich, Carrie DeMaio, Germaine Fontaine, Marion Binnenkade, Helen Blanchard, and Gladys Fracazio.

The candy sale is continued at the ticket booth, daily at the center. Bars of solid chocolate are \$1 and large solid chocolate Santas are \$3.

**Sandra Smith Recognized.** In Boston on December 5th, Massachusetts Blue Cross/Blue Shield will induct 52 Massachusetts residents into their Life Saver Club.

Please remember that our offices will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 10:30 a.m., to Monday, Dec. 2nd at 6:00 a.m.



**SENIOR CITIZENS PARTICIPATED** in a play about the Middle Ages at the Senior Center last week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The popular activities director at the Senior Center earned that honor when she saved the life of COA volunteer Clea Kinckiner in the center lunchroom several months ago by using the Heimlich Maneuver. She learned the technique in a course given by the Agawam Fire Department.

Subsequently, the Heimlich Maneuver technique was taught in a special "12:30 Program" at the center by Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Clea, and all who attended that course can appreciate how very well-deserved this recognition is for Sandra Smith.

**Senior Center Christmas Party postponed to Sunday, December 2nd**, is an event sponsored by the Activities Committee for all Agawam seniors, their families, and guests.

The price of a ticket is \$9. Doors to the center will open at 11:00 a.m., and for that price you will be treated first of all, to punch and hors d'oeuvres at the friendly social hour.

At noon, you will be expertly served a catered full course meal, featuring roast sirloin of beef. Following dinner, there will be Fats Daniel playing live music for dancing. You may, if you wish, bring a general gift costing not over \$2.50, for Santa's grab bag. If you bring a gift, you are entitled to receive a gift. This is your choice.

There have been comments that the price is too high, but we suggest you consider the following: no tips, minimum travel, no parking fees, no charge to check your wraps, and it is all here in your own Senior Center.

### Daughters Of Isabella Schedule Christmas Party

The Annual Christmas Party and Dinner for Loyalty Circle 356, Daughters of Isabella, will be held Wednesday, December 4th, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 63 Park Avenue, West Springfield.

There will be a social hour at 6:30 p.m. Dorothy O'Clair is hostess. A catered dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m., followed by a Christmas Carol sing-along and games, directed by Janet Wysocki and Emelie Smith.

General chairwoman is Nancy Nowak, assisted by Catherine McCarthy.

Honorary chairwoman is Regent Grace Hughes. Reservations should be made by phoning Nancy Nowak, 732-0323, by November 29th. Husbands and guests are invited.

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# Feeding Hills Baptist Church Holiday Bazaar



BETHANY WITHAM and MARY ETTA GRABOWSKI were selling handmade clothes for young children at a Holiday Bazaar sponsored by the Feeding Hills Baptist Church on Saturday, November 15th. Bethany is the daughter of Feeding Hills Baptist Church Pastor Jay Witham. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MARK, JOEY, AND JEREMY LEGEIN found this replica of a New England church at wintertime much to their liking at the holiday bazaar sponsored by the Feeding Hills Baptist Church of Feeding Hills Center, Saturday, November 16th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Have A Happy and Safe Holiday  
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**December 1, 1985**

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by Rusty Jenks - Agawam Fire Chief

### Portable Heaters... A Convenience Or A Killer?

When we think of portable heaters, we think of convenience and energy saving. What we should also be thinking about, says Fire Chief Rusty Jenks and the Agawam Fire Department, are fires and burns.

Heating fires are the second largest cause of home fires in this country and many are caused by portable heating devices. Many hospital emergency rooms and burn care units report thousands of serious burns yearly due to contact with portable heaters.

Unfortunately, many of these burn victims are children who suffer pain and perhaps disfigurement as a result. Follow these safety rules this winter:

— **Use only those space heaters** with safety devices that cut off automatically if tipped over.

— **Purchase and use only those heaters** with the UL (Underwriters Laboratories) label indicating that model has been tested for safety.

— **Don't plug in any electric heater** until you have checked the appliance cord for frayed or worn spots. If necessary, replace the heater or have an electrician repair the cord. Do not cover the cord with tape yourself. It's too risky.

— **Keep all heaters away** from drapes, papers, furniture and other flammable items.

— **Never place heaters** in doorways or other exits. Don't cut off your only means of escape.

— **Avoid using extension cords** with heaters. If you must, use a heavy duty tape capable of handling the load. Too small a cord can start a fire.

— **Do not place electric heaters** near sinks, tubs, showers or other containers of water.

— **Keep children and pets** away from heaters.

— **Turn heaters off when you go to bed** or before you leave the house. It doesn't make sense to lose your possessions or your life to save energy.

— **Don't try to heat an entire room** with a portable heater. Focus the heat in the direction you need it.

— **Use only 1K kerosene (clear like water) in kerosene heaters.** Do not use yellow or contaminated kerosene. Fill outside. Never use gasoline, or any other flammable liquid in a kerosene heater. Provide ventilation when using.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE HEARING IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FIVE

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF AGAWAM AS FOLLOWS:

The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972, to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Agricultural and Residential A-2 to Residential A-3 for land located at Main Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point situated in the westerly line of Main Street, Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, said point being the southeasterly corner of land, now or formerly, of O'Connor; thence running, S13°42'02"W Along the westerly line of Main Street, a distance of 181.88 feet to a point; thence S15°52'53"W Along the westerly line of Main Street, a distance of 19.43 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Frank Solatario and being Lot 2; thence N67°52'06"W Along Lot 2 and land of Solatario, a distance of 295.26 feet to a point; thence S23°27'32"W Along land of Solatario, a distance of 300.00 feet to land of Oden D & Beatrice M. Baker; thence N68°30'01"W Along land of Baker, a distance of 258.54 feet to a point; thence S11°18'11"W Along land of Baker, a distance of 105.83 feet to a point at land of Raymond Cassella; thence N66°48'07"W Along land of Cassella, a distance of 213.11 feet to a point; thence N65°52'29"W Along land of Cassella, a distance of 486.45 feet to a point situated on the easterly line of Lot 14 as shown on a plan of Pineview Circle; thence N26°17'30"E Along Lot 14 and Lot 13, a distance of 329.24 feet to a point at other land of James V. & Rose M. Mercadante; thence N26°17'30"E Along land of Mercadante, a distance of 384.50 feet to a point; thence N87°50'00"W Along land of Mercadante, a distance of 26.20 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Wysocki; thence N00°40'00"W Along land of Wysocki, a distance of 77.52 feet to a point; thence N00°13'40"E Along land of Wysocki, a distance of 1038.30 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Maria Seaholm; thence N83°26'40"E Along land of Seaholm, a distance of 209.58 feet to a point at land of Emerson & Merilda Campbell; thence S16°01'07"W Along land of Campbell, a distance of 43.31 feet to a point; thence S80°31'50"E Along land of Campbell and land now or formerly, of Elizabeth M. Wolcott, a distance of 644.23 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Michael Demko; thence S15°35'16"W Along land of Demko, a distance of 902.47 feet to a point at land, now or formerly, of Betty Bottaro; thence S14°42'57"W Along land of Bottaro, a distance of 549.95 feet to a point; thence S76°17'58"E Along land of Bottaro and land, now or formerly, of O'Connor, a distance of 617.33 feet to a point situated in the westerly line of Main Street, the point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 32.71 Acres, and all as shown on a plan made by Durkee, White, Towne & Chapdelaine, Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 356 Front Street, Chicopee, Mass., Drawing No. 100-5903, Sheet 31, dated October 22, 1985.

An ordinance now before the Town Council.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 2, 1985 at 8:00 p.m. in the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA on the above petitioned zone change of James V. Mercadante.

U. Retzler  
Town Council Clerk

Published: November 26th, 1985

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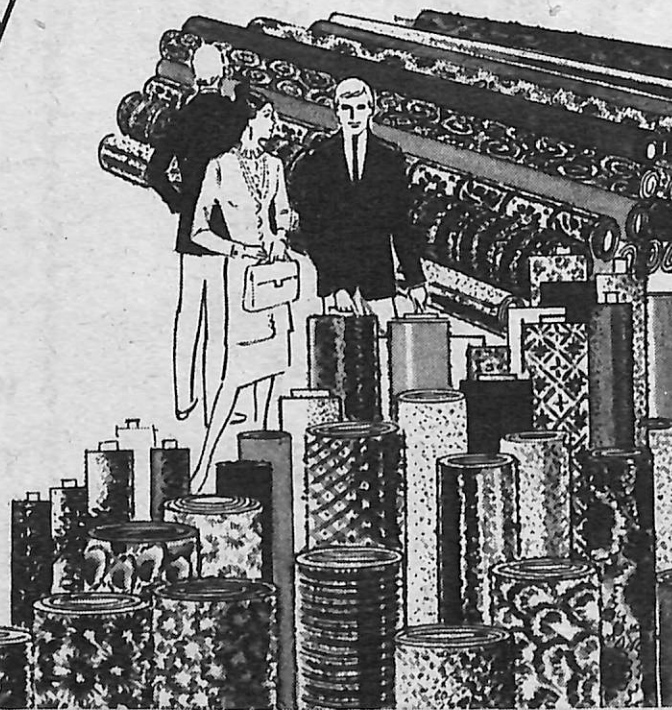
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# Spotlight On Business...

## Heritage Hall Dedicates New Building



**AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT DONALD M. RHEAULT** (left) admires dedication cake for Heritage Hall Nursing Home's newest building on Friday, November 15th, with Genesis Health Ventures officials Kathleen Roap and Michael Walker. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THREE HAPPY FACES** at the dedication ceremonies for the new building at Heritage Hall Nursing Home were administrator Jean Clifford (left), and Genesis Health Ventures officials Michael Walker and Kathleen Roap. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Greater Springfield Chamber To Honor Heritage Hall

The Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce will hold its monthly Breakfast Club program at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4th, at the Grand Ballroom of the Springfield Marriott. A buffet breakfast will be served beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Chief greeter of the event will be Leon J. Pyzik, Jr.,

president of Multibank National of Western Massachusetts.

Salutes will be directed to: Business Fund for the Arts, annual fund drive; Radio Station WHYN, new ownership; United Cooperative Bank, new downtown office; and Liberty Photo, new East Longmeadow

business.

Hershon Jeweler's expansion and relocation to Center Square will be recognized, along with the expansion of Heritage Hall Retirement and Nursing Home of Agawam, and Atlantic Fasteners Company, Inc., West Springfield.



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<b>FRI.</b> Fish & Chips .....	\$4.95
With Salad	
<b>SAT.</b> Shrimp Marinara .....	\$5.95
Over Linguine & Salad	
Soup & Sandwich Specials Daily .....	\$2.95



## ...Heritage Hall Very Proud Of New Facility



**DIGNITARIES AT THE DEDICATION** ceremonies of the new Heritage Hall facility. From left - Jean Clifford, Greg Doyle, Michael Walker, Louise & Tom Bardersten, Joseph Williamson, and Scott Gullledge. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**HERITAGE HALL ADMINISTRATORS**, from left - Kathleen Sunderland, Patricia Clark, James Clifford, Virginia Matasky, Mary Ellen Gaudette, Regina Bossig, Betsy Bronks, Constance Henning, Jean Clifford, and Kathleen Roap. The administrators are all employed by Genesis Health Ventures, owners of Heritage Hall Nursing Home. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**HERITAGE HALL RESIDENT WILFRED COUTURE** stopped by from his residence in Heritage Hall's North Building to have a snack at the dedication of Heritage Hall's newest facility on Friday, November 15th. Pictured with Mr. Couture is Kathleen Roap, an administrator with Genesis Health Ventures. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Happy Thanksgiving

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## Art & Esther Loomis Celebrate 68th Anniversary In Florida

A gala dinner party was held to celebrate the recent 68th anniversary of Arthur & Esther Loomis, formerly of Albert Street, Agawam, and now of Pompano Beach, Florida.

The celebration was held at the home of the couple's son, Stanley & Ruth Loomis, of 4280 N. E. 12th Terrace in Pompano Beach. Also present was daughter and son-in-law Roberta & Spence Robinson. Arthur, Jr., the oldest son, was attending his 50th high school reunion in Agawam and could not join the festivities.

Many friends and three of the couple's eight grandchildren were on hand at the party. Mr. & Mrs. Loomis also have five great-grandchildren.

Art & Esther would love to hear from any of their old Agawam friends and may be contacted at the above address as both are in very good health.



ESTHER & ARTHUR LOOMIS celebrate their 68th wedding anniversary with their daughter, Roberta Robinson, and son, Stanley Loomis.

## Nocturnal Adoration Society Inducts New Members

The Agawam—West Springfield Nocturnal Adoration Society Memorial Mass for deceased members and their families was held at the Dominican Nuns Monastery, Wednesday evening, November 6th, with induction of 16 new members. Two hundred members and friends attended.

Auxiliary Bishop Leo E. O'Neil was the principal celebrant of the Mass. Offering the Mass were Father Albert E. Breton, moderator and pastor of St. Theresa; Monsignor David P. Welch, chaplain to the Dominican Nuns; Father Thomas F. Ferguson, St. Thomas Apostle; Father George Linse, C.S.S., past moderator Mount Carmel, Springfield; and Father Guido Mispelli, C.S.S. Sacred Heart, Feeding Hills.

The members inducted were Father Thomas Ferguson, Benjamin Delmonico, Lawrence P. Murren, and Peter Kinsley, all St. Thomas; Margaret Taylor, Anne Babcock, St. John the Evangelist; Elizabeth A. Sheridan, Dolores Morassi, Mary Spanelli, Joaquim M. & Shirley Riberio, Sacred Heart; George & Loraine Labun, St. Anthony of Padua; George F. Drewniak, St. Stanislaus; Aldea Auclair, St. Thomas Aquinas; and Francis Juliano, St. Michael's Cathedral.

Father Albert E. Breton, moderator, and Louis J. Gallerani, president, presented the new members with the official statues and medallions.

Following the Mass, refreshments were served in the Sisters' lounge. The music was under the direction of Sister Mary of St. John's prioress, and Sister Mary of Immaculate Conception Church.

## Laughing Brook's Schedule For The Holiday Season

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center and Wildlife Sanctuary will have the following schedule for the upcoming holiday season:

**Thursday, November 28th:** Thanksgiving Day - Sanctuary closed.

**Friday, November 29th:** Sanctuary opens at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All trails and buildings are open to the public. Holidays at Audubon begin.

**Tuesday, December 24th:** Christmas Eve - Sanctuary closed.

**Thursday to Sunday, December 26th to 29th:** Sanctuary opens at 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 26th, Friday, December 27th, and Saturday, December 28th, at 11:00 a.m., visitors can enjoy a close-up look at one of our resident animals. Participants learn about how the animal adapts to its environment, what it eats, how it lives, and what it is doing now to prepare for winter.

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**Wednesday, January 1st, 1986:** New Year's Day - Sanctuary closed.

Laughing Brook's hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for senior citizens and children; children under three are admitted free.

For more information, call Laughing Brook, 566-8034.

## Airman David Gearing Completes Basic Training

Airman David J. Gearing, son of Marilyn D. Gearing of 57 Burke Avenue, West Springfield, and David W. Gearing of Agawam, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs, and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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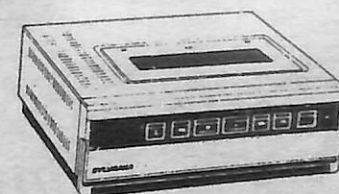
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## December Calendar Golden Age Club

**December 2nd:** Trip to the Mountain Side Outing Club for a Christmas play and dinner.

**December 4th:** Chapter 2. No regular meeting. Christmas party to be held at the Colosseum Restaurant, West Springfield, at 11:00 p.m. Dinner at noon.

**December 5th:** Trip to White's Restaurant for a play and dinner—then on to the LaSalette Shrine to view the Christmas lights.

**December 6th:** Chapter 1. Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

**December 11th:** Chapter 1. No regular meeting. Christmas party to be held at Chez Josef in Agawam, 11:00 a.m. Dinner at noon.

**December 18th:** Chapter 2. Regular meeting followed by a Christmas party and entertainment.

**December 25th:** Chapter 1. No regular meeting. Christmas Day.

**December 27th:** Chapter 2. Board of Directors meeting at 1:00 p.m.

## Red Cross Offers December Courses

The following American Red Cross courses are scheduled for December. Participants must pre-register at the Red Cross during business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. All courses will be held at the Red Cross building at 235 Chestnut Street.

### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

December 3rd, 5th, 10th: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; December 10th and 11th: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; December 11th: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Review

Open to all participants with current CPR certification. December 4th: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.; December 12th: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Multimedia Standard First Aid

December 3rd: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; December 11th and 12th: 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Blood Pressure Information Night

Learn the significance of blood pressure, the instruments used in measuring it, and the steps involved. December 2nd: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Patient Assessment

A "lively" lecture and discussion on the Primary and Secondary surveys. December 3rd: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### CPR Modular Instructor

Participants must be 17 years of age or older and hold current CPR certification. December 10th: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Surviving the Cold

Learn to prevent and treat cold weather related emergencies. December 9th: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

### Vital Signs Instructor Course

December 18th: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

The Pioneer Valley Chapter, American Red Cross, is a United Way agency.

## Seymour Planetarium Offers Three New Shows

The Science Museum's Seymour Planetarium will offer three shows on the Friday following Thanksgiving. "A Comet Called Halley" will be shown at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., and "The Seasonal Constellations" will be presented at 2:00 p.m.

Beginning December 3rd, the seasonal "Star of Bethlehem" show will make its holiday visit. According to curator of Physical Sciences, Bob Staron, "What the star represents is far more important."

The program explores some surprising facts about this celestial event. For instance, the star actually appeared in the spring of the year 6 B.C., and the "wise men" were probably Zoroastrian priests from Persia. "There weren't necessarily three of them either," says Staron. "The Bible only mentions three gifts."

The "Star of Bethlehem," a holiday tradition at the Science Museum, will run through December 29th. Show times are Tuesday and Thursday at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. Extra showings will be presented during school vacation week.

The museum's observatory is open at 7:00 p.m. Fridays, for first-hand star gazing. The Science Museum is located on the Quadrangle at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield.

For information, call 733-1194.

## Community Grange To Hear Marilyn Chunglo of Southwick

Community Grange will meet Tuesday, December 3rd, at 7:30 p.m., in Grange hall on North West Street.

Southwick's Marilyn Chunglo will present the program "The Meaning of the Twelve Gifts," as in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

She has appeared on TV Channel 22 on the Kitty Broman Show and is well-known to many people in the area.

Mrs. Chunglo also has illustrated a booklet, "The Meaning of the Twelve Gifts."

Hopefully, all members will be present. It should be a very interesting program.

Westfield, West Springfield and Ludlow Granges will be guests that evening.

Refreshments will be served following the program by Betty Collins, Evelyn Vincelette and Matthew Granger.

## All-Night Vigil Planned At St. Ann's Church

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will hold its all-night vigil of the Most Blessed Sacrament in St. Ann's Church, 576 Memorial Avenue, West Springfield, Friday, December 6th, from 9:00 p.m. to Saturday, December 7th, at 6:00 a.m.

Father Anthony R. Parcheski, C.S.S., pastor of St. Ann, opens the vigil with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 9:00 p.m. Members will then alternate periods of adoration during the nine-hour vigil.

Alfred L. Mutti, society secretary, and Mario J. Delucci, group three leader, are in charge of arrangements. Closing, with Benediction, is at 6:00 a.m.

Membership is open to all men and women, 18 years or over. Please contact Father Parcheski, Robert R. Lodi, or any members. The vigil is open to the general public and all are welcome to attend.

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# Jingle Valley Fair At Agawam Baptist Church



GLADYS BODURTHA & HELEN KANE are all smiles at the Jingle Valley Fair on Saturday, November 23rd, at the First Baptist Church. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



LEONA BOOSKA was quite proud to be serving this delicious dessert during the lunchtime portion of the Jingle Valley Fair on Saturday, November 23rd, at the Agawam First Baptist Church, Agawam Center. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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BEVERLY KOWALCZYK and her son, Nathan, 2 browse through the display of Dolly Lakes and Lynda Dallapegorara at the Jingle Valley Fair, sponsored by the Agawam First Baptist Church on Saturday, November 23rd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Plans Continue For St. John's Bazaar

The Annual Christmas Bazaar of St. John the Evangelist Church will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at the Parish Center, Main Street, Agawam, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

This eagerly awaited event is sponsored by the Catholic Women's Club of Agawam, with the assistance of St. John's Guild. Over 100 persons have been busy for over 3,000 hours preparing for this occasion. There is no admission charge.

Through the support and contributions of the entire parish, the bazaar is a shopper's paradise, making available gifts suitable for the entire family.

Featured will be many handcrafted Christmas decorations, live wreaths, knitted sweaters, hats and mittens, homesewn quilts, clothing, and aprons, as well as a wide array of handmade gift items on the Guild Booth.

There will be booths offering jewelry, toys, books, homemade baked goods, and candy. The most popular Booth of Attic Treasures will again this year have a great variety of good-as-new articles, all at reasonable prices. The Plant Booth will have a special offering of poinsettias.

For the young children, Jolly St. Nick will check in to see who has been naughty or nice to complete his Christmas gift list. Also for the children will be a free gift wrapping booth.

A very important stop would be the large snack bar, which will offer many delicious choices for snacks or luncheons. This will give everyone the pause that refreshes, and allow the opportunity to devote the entire day for Christmas shopping.

Tickets for a major raffle may be purchased the day of the bazaar for anyone who has not availed themselves of an early purchase. Many other raffles will be available at a minimal cost. All drawings will be held at 2:30 p.m., the day of the event.

Mrs. William Beaudry is honorary chairwoman, with Mrs. Paul Owens and Mrs. Philip Malinoski co-chairwomen of the bazaar.

Booth chairpersons are: Attic Treasures, Mrs. James Moran; Mrs. Lawrence Barry; Books, Mrs. Rene Thomas; Basket Raffle, Mrs. Gloria O'Connell; Candy, Mrs. Paul Placzek; Christmas Decorations, Mrs. Francis Capitanio, Mrs. John Morin; and Christmas Wrapping, Mrs. Stanley Ciempa.

Also, Clock Raffle, Mrs. Albert Taupier; Jewelry, Mrs. Philip DeForge, Mrs. James Consolini; Baked Goods, Mrs. Joseph Cleary; Knitting, Mrs. Richard Gingras, Mrs. Thomas McGovern; Needle and Thread, Mrs. James Doyle; Plants, Mrs. William Monahan, Mrs. Theodore Beck; Posters, Mrs. William Hayes; Raffle, Mrs. Edmund Colby; Snack Bar, Mrs. James Turner, Mrs. Albert Christopher; Toys, Miss Cathy Rourke; and St. John's Guild, Mrs. Ronald Meunier.

Please remember that our offices are closed from Wednesday, Nov. 27th at 10:30 a.m. to Monday, Dec. 2nd at 6:00 a.m.



**ST. JOHN'S WOMEN** making preparations for the church's upcoming bazaar on Saturday, December 7th, are, from left - Adele Gallano, Ann Cancelliere, Kay Capitanio, and Mickey Marin. Mrs. Capitanio and Mrs. Marin are co-chairing the event. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Trading Post To Conduct 20 Percent Sale

The Trading Post will hold a 20% off sale, Wednesday, December 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Agawam, corner of Main and Elm Streets.

"We have a good selection of winter clothes for the whole family, including coats, pants, shirts, uniforms and maternity clothes, as well as dress and casual clothes in junior and regular sizes," said Mrs. Clyde Woodruff.

In the Children's Room, there are baby items, plus clothes for all ages. When you need clothes for the growing child, check the stock, you will be surprised at the prices and good selections. There are bargains galore!

Every item will be 20 percent off for this special sale. The Trading Post carries many, many household

items, curtains, spreads, lamps, dishes, small appliances, and a few collectors' items, etc. Some good old records, paperbacks, games, jewelry, and shoes are also available.

The Trading Post is run by the ladies of the church. It is open every Wednesday (not holidays) through the school year. If you are new in the area, come in and make yourself acquainted with the shop and the church ladies.

## Council Of Churches Plans Annual Fall Assembly

The Council of Churches of Greater Springfield will hold its Annual Fall Assembly, Monday, December 2nd, at the Agawam First Baptist Church, Main Street, Agawam, at 7:00 p.m.

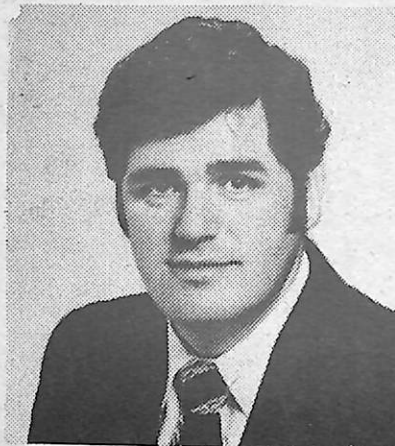
A short worship service will be conducted by the Reverend Donald Morris, host pastor.

The Reverend Gary A. DeLong, First Church of Christ, Longmeadow, and president of the Council, will conduct the meeting.

John Pearson, chairman of Business and Finance Department, and Owen Sutton, treasurer, will present the Council's 1986 proposed budget.

The meeting will be followed by refreshments and a gathering of friends. Please come and meet with the clergy and delegates you share a common interest with.

Adult Bible Study-----9:30 A.M.  
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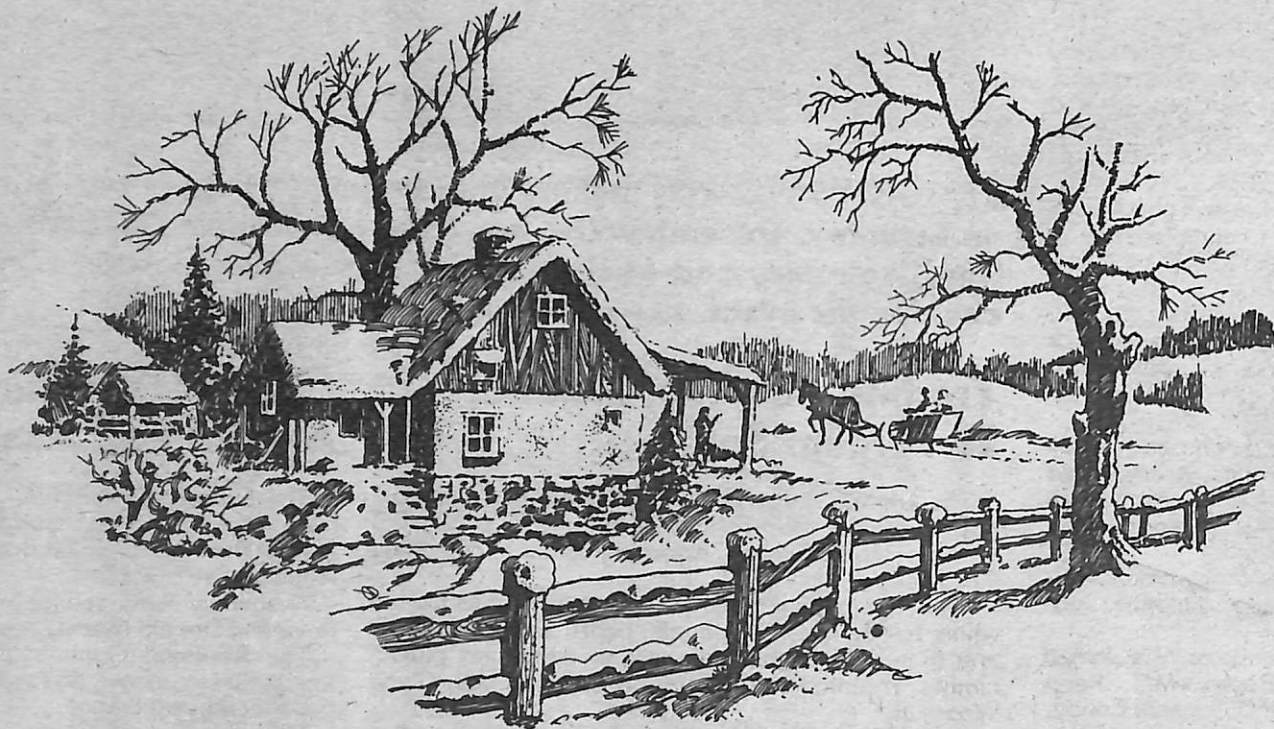
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# Schools



**PLEASED WITH THEIR FAIR purchases are second grade shoppers Stephen Virella (left) and Todd Shively. The two-day event correlated with American Education Week.** Advertiser News

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**ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL students were recently able to browse among hundreds of books offered at the first Scholastic Book Fair, November 21st and 22nd. Helping young shoppers Courtney Limbert (left) and Elaina Almerna with their purchases are PTO members Sheila Longley and Peggy Gallant.** Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

## Book Fair Held At Robinson Park

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Books, books, and more books were available to student shoppers in grades K-5 at Robinson Park School during the first scholastic book fair, November 21st and 22nd.

Held in conjunction with American Education Week, the two-day event was sponsored by the school's Parent Teacher Organization.

Project chairperson Jane David points out that in addition to being a fundraising activity, the book fair offered students the means of increasing their own home libraries at a minimal expense.

Besides hundreds of paperback books, students were able to purchase a variety of items in time for their holiday gift shopping.

These included posters, crayons, bookmarks, magic slates, stickers, and activity workbooks. Prices ranged from 25 cents to \$4.95.

Open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., each classroom was allowed approximately 25 minutes shopping time.

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## Agawam Schools Badly Need Subs

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

The Agawam School System is currently in the midst of a crisis — one concerning the acute shortage of substitute teachers.

Not unique to Agawam, the teacher shortage is also being felt in other local communities, including Springfield, West Springfield, and Wilbraham.

Associate Superintendent of Schools Donald Charest says that the list of qualified substitute teachers has continually declined during the past 10 years.

In the past, a typical listing contained the names of approximately 200 certified instructors. Today, however, only 42 names comprise that list.

Charest explains that of those 42, five are unavailable on a daily basis since they already fill long-term substitute positions.

Moreover, the substitute list is not exclusive to Agawam, but rather is used by most local communities.

Consequently, obtaining a substitute teacher has become a highly competitive procedure.

"Our problem is actually two-fold. Besides an unavailability of subs, we now must compete financially for their services," he remarks.

Charest relates that the teacher shortage has resulted in empty classrooms, especially at the secondary level.

When a substitute is unavailable, one of two procedures is followed. First, the class is given a study period which shortchanges students since they are not being taught.

Secondly, fellow faculty members are asked to relinquish their free periods to teach the class at the rate of \$12 an hour, as stated in their contract.

### \$35 A Day

Ironically, since substitutes only receive \$35 a day for the first 15 days of service, it costs the School Department more to fill the empty classrooms with resident faculty personnel.

"If another faculty member takes over for an absent teacher for five hours, it costs \$60. Subs teaching more

**ROBINSON PTO - From Page 25...**

Students, who were aided with their purchases by volunteer PTO members, brought home flyers describing the available merchandise so that parents could participate in their children's selections.

Parents were also able to visit the fair and make their own purchases during open house on Thursday evening.

School Principal Barbara Skolnick reports that monies earned from the fair will be used to purchase additional books for the school library.

She believes that the two-day event was an excellent project, one which the school's 461 students thoroughly enjoyed.

"Reading has always been a focal point at Robinson Park School. The book fair helped to introduce students to the enjoyable pursuit of reading," remarks Mrs. Skolnick.

Mrs. David says that she foresees the book fair becoming an annual event and gratefully acknowledged the assistance of PTO members who helped to make it a success.

than 15 days receive only \$44. Therefore, the substitute pay scale needs to be revised in order for Agawam to compete with other communities who start their subs at \$50," he comments.

The associate superintendent reports that Westfield State College, whose name was synonymous with the teaching profession in the past, graduated only two new teachers last year.

He also notes that teachers, who became unemployed with the enactment of Proposition 2½ have since found positions in the business community which pay higher wages. Consequently, the teacher recall list is at an all-time low.

Charest says that when all else fails and certified substitute teachers cannot be found, college students are recruited to fill the vacancies.

"With a school-wide teaching staff of 260, someone is sure to be absent daily. We want to be able to fill these absences with qualified instructors, not babysitters," he states.

### Simple Procedure

The procedure for having one's name placed on the sub list is relatively simple. First, applications must be picked-up at the superintendent's office. Next, a short interview is required. Finally, applicants must submit their college transcript plus the results of a recent tuberculosis test, with the latter being a state law.

After all steps have been completed and approved, the applicant's name is placed on the sub list.

Charest relates that he will soon propose an increased daily rate for substitute teachers to the School Committee. Although too late for this year's budget, he is hopeful a new pay scale will be included in the 1986-87 budget.

"We have to give substitute teachers a reason to come to Agawam. Hopefully, a higher pay scale next year will be the enticement they need," he states.

Anyone interested in having their name included on the sub list may contact Charest at 789-1400, extension 433.

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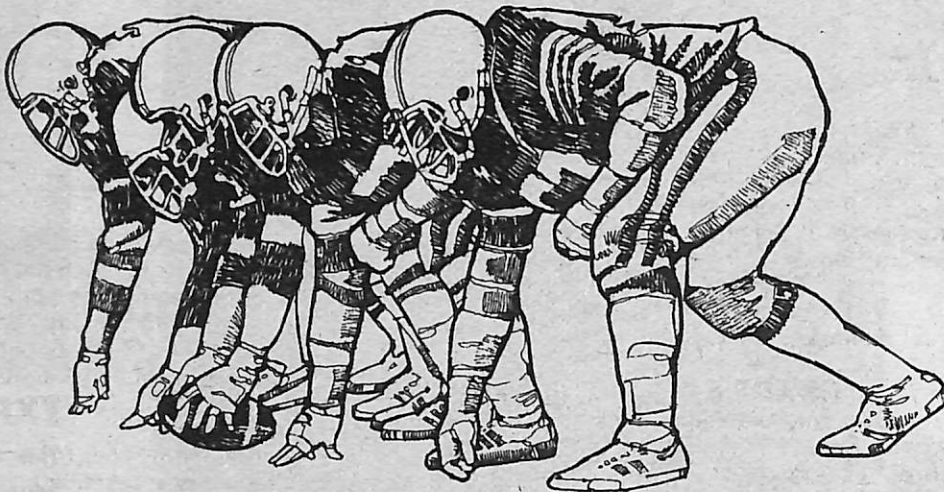
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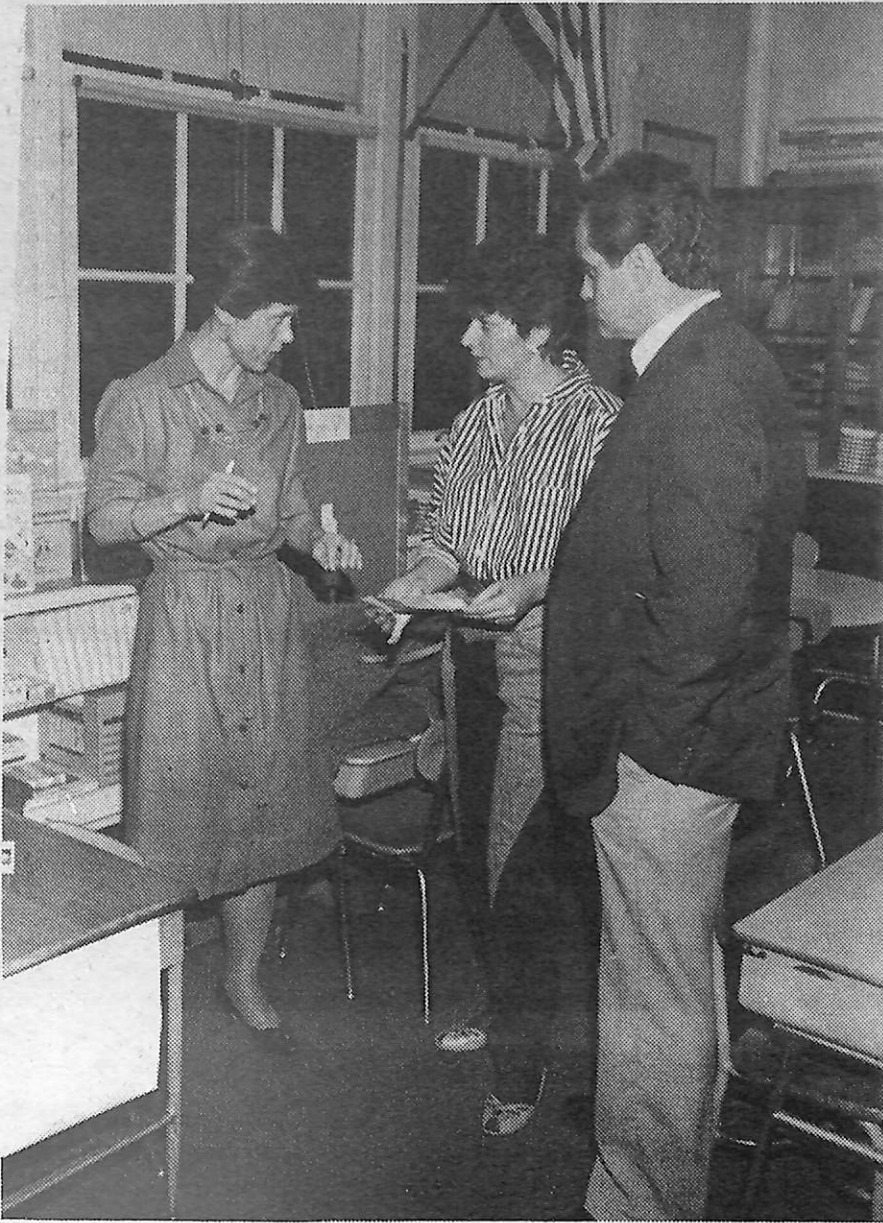
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MARY LOU & ROBERT VIGUE listen to Phelps School teacher Bonnie Campbell talk about their child's day at school at the parents' open house on Wednesday, November 20th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



EXPLAINING SUBJECT MATTER to parent April Martin at the Phelps Elementary School parents' night is faculty member Janis Noyes, the Room 5 teacher. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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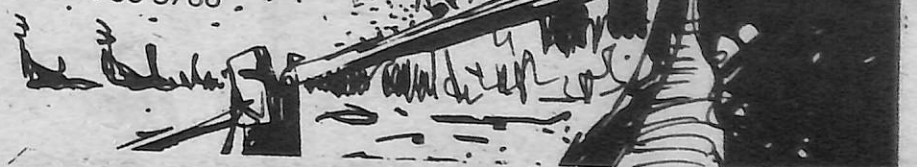
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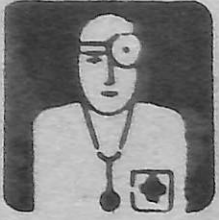
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### **FRIDAY**

**November 28th .....8:00 AM to 8:00 PM**

**WEEKEND .....9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**







**AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS** named to the prestigious All-Western Mass. Band are, from left - Allison Hubbard, Bryan Walker, and Terri Cimaroli.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Local School Musicians Named To Prestigious Honors

Last week, hundreds of student musicians from the high schools of the four Massachusetts western counties auditioned at Amherst for positions with the All-Star Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, and Chorus. These groups will gather for two rehearsals in January and present a concert at the University of Massachusetts Fine Arts Center on Saturday, January 11th, 1986.

In recent years, Agawam has made a very strong showing in the Jazz Band area, and five of the 20-member group will be from Agawam High School. They are: Tom Gionfriddo, who will play

lead trombone; Kelley Bolduc, second trumpet; Joseph Bourbonnais, one of the two drummers; two sophomores will also perform in the District Jazz Ensemble, Jeff MacKechnie, lead sax; and Alex Kohli, third trombone.

Performing with the All-Western Massachusetts Band will be Michael Chausse in the percussion section and Melissa Martin on bassoon. Terri Cimaroli and Allison Hubbard will both perform in the clarinet section.

Taking part with the District Chorus will be Tony Joseph and Bryan Walker. Barbara Moreau

will play violin in the orchestra.

A select number of the Western District students will be allowed to compete for positions in the All-State Honor Groups, and these include all five members of the Jazz Ensemble, as well as Melissa Martin, Tony Joseph, and Barbara Moreau.

"Acceptance to a position with the Western Massachusetts Honor Groups represents a noteworthy achievement and a chance to perform with other equally-talented students from the other 45 high schools in the district," said Music Director Darcy Davis.



**ALL WESTERN MASS. BAND HONORS** handed-out to Agawam High students: Back row, from left - Tony Joseph, Joseph Bourbonnais, Michael Chausse, Alex Kohli, and Tom Gionfriddo. Front row - Kelley Bolduc, Melissa Martin, Barbara Moreau, and Jeff MacKechnie. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Agawam High School Holds First Open House



**JOSEPH & SHERRY VELAZO** discuss classroom material with Agawam High industrial arts teacher **John Magadysz** at the school's open house on Tuesday, November 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AGAWAM HIGH GOVERNMENT** teacher **John J. Fer-ranti** discusses classroom material with **Dick Gingras, Jr.**, at the first open house of the year at Agawam High School on Tuesday, November 19th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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**Tuesday, December 3rd:** Hamburg in buttered roll, steamed rice, buttered peas and carrots, mustard, relish, catsup, fresh orange wedges, milk.

**Wednesday, December 4th:** Apple juice, steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, mustard, relish, catsup, oven roasted potatoes, chocolate pudding, milk.

**Thursday, December 5th:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, creamy cole slaw, buttered Italian bread, chilled peaches in syrup, milk.

**Friday, December 6th:** Chicken soup with vegetables, ½ peanut butter sandwich, ½ chicken salad sandwich, buttered niblet corn, blueberry cake with icing, milk.

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## Jeffrey White Places Fifth In Regional Computer Contest

Jeffrey C. White of Feeding Hills, a senior computer science major at Western New England College, was one of four team members to place fifth in the Northeast Regional Computer Programming Contest sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM).

The team outperformed representatives of nine other schools, losing only to teams from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the University of Vermont, in the contest held October 26th, at Western New England College.

The teams faced advanced problems in mathematical analysis, computer science and data manipulation, and programmed their solutions in Fortran and Pascal, two computer languages. They were given six hours to program correctly seven problems.

A graduate of Agawam High School, White is the son of Frank and Mary White of Paul Revere Drive.

## First Organization Of All School PTO'S Slated Dec. 4th

An attempt to organize all the Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO's) which represent the public schools in Agawam will be kicked-off on Wednesday, December 4th, at the Junior High cafeteria.

The new organization will be called the Parent-Teacher Organization Collaborative (PTOC). This new, united group will be comprised of PTO's from Granger, Phelps, Robinson Park, Clark elementary schools, as well as the Agawam Middle School.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Larry Harbeson, who will discuss the holidays.

Further information and questions may be directed to Granger PTO president Susan Pettazzoni, 786-9699.

## Laughing Brook Continues Family Program

**Sunday Afternoons For Families** will continue for the month of December at Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden.

These programs are offered every Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m., as a way of encouraging families to enjoy exploring the outdoors together. The following programs will be offered.

**December 1st: SNAKES!** If you think snakes are slimy, slithery, gross or otherwise despicable

## Al Ingham Receives Honor From Loomis Chaffee School

Former Agawam High three-sport athlete Al Ingham was among the athletes honored at the Fall Athletic Banquet at the Loomis Chaffee School in Windsor, Connecticut, on Thursday, November 14th.

Ingham, son of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Ingham of Feeding Hills, was named outstanding lineman by his coaches as a senior at the prep school.

Ingham, a 1984 graduate of Agawam High, was a two-time All-Western Mass. lineman for the Brownies. He received his most recognition for being the two-time state schoolboy wrestling champion in the heavyweight ranks for the Brownies. He, along with former Brownie swimmer Paul Talbot, are the only two athletes in the school's history to win individual state titles twice.

Ingham also starred on the varsity track team for several seasons.

## James Clark PTO Schedules December Meeting

The James Clark PTO will hold its next PTO meeting on Wednesday, December 4th, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Junior High cafeteria. There will be no morning meeting.

The meeting will include members from Agawam's four elementary schools, as well as the middle school, in conjunction with the new townwide PTO Collaborative.

James Clark PTO will hold its business meeting from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., in a designated area of the cafeteria.

At 8:00 p.m., Larry Harbeson will address all members of the five schools on Holiday Stress.

Harbeson, a former school teacher, is a home adjustment counselor with the Agawam School System. He also holds classes on parenting.

Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

We urge parents and teachers to support this first effort of a townwide PTO meeting.

characters, this is the program for you. We'll focus on the positive side of these much-maligned reptiles.

**December 8th: STORIES AT THE STORYTELLER'S HOUSE.** Enjoy an hour of stories told around the hearth in the cozy atmosphere of the house where Thornton Burgess once lived.

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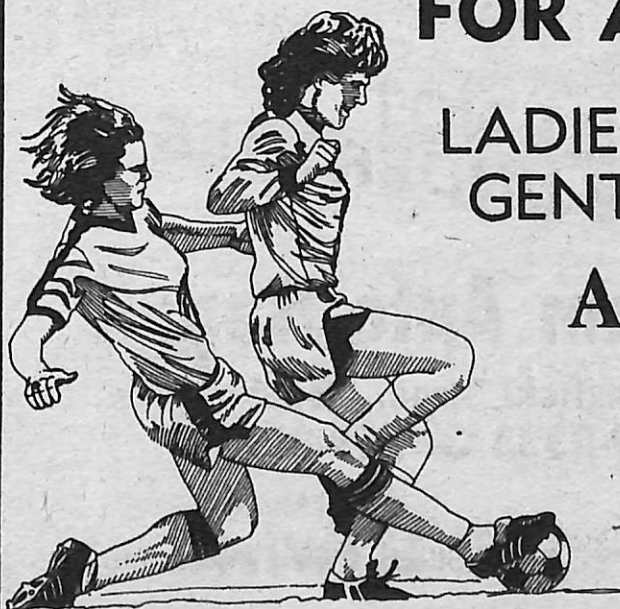
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# Arts



## PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit  
Entertainment Editor

### \*Once Bitten: 1½ STARS

In this mildly amusing comedy, the "Countess" — a 400 year-old female vampire (Lauren Hutton), has to drink the blood of a male virgin in order to maintain her youthful good looks.

However, male virgins are hard to find in present-day society, thereby making her search for a source of nutrition a difficult one.

But, the Countess soon comes across an 18 year-old high school student (Jim Carrey) who is still chaste, thanks to his prim girlfriend (Karen Kopins).

*Once Bitten* has a great deal of fun with the stereotypes surrounding the vampire legend. For example, the Countess has her manservant (Cleavon Little) apply her facial makeup because she, like all undead bloodsuckers, cannot see herself in the mirror.

Another visual gag is the interior decoration which exists within the coffins of her ghoulish underlings. These one-time victims of the Countess represent different periods of human history, and these eras are reflected by their sleeping quarters.

As a case in point, one of her attendants was a soldier from the Civil War, and his casket is lined with the flag of the Confederacy. Meanwhile, another servant was a swabbie from the days of sailing ships and now sleeps in a coffin that's adorned with a fish net.

Unfortunately, despite these clever send-ups of the vampire mythos, *Once Bitten* is not a recommendable film. The ending is too predictable, and the plot itself eventually degenerates into a run-of-the-mill teenage comedy that makes crass jokes about sex.

### \*One Magic Christmas: 3½ STARS

This emotionally stirring drama from Walt Disney Studio deals with a dispirited young woman named Ginny Grainger (Mary Steenburgen). Ever since her husband (Gary Basaraba) lost his job, she has worked long hours at a local supermarket in order to make ends meet and has been constantly worrying about their worsening financial situation.

And, though Christmas is just around the corner, Ginny lacks any Yuletide spirit, and her downcast attitude bothers her two small children, Abbie (Elizabeth Harnois) and Gal (Robbie Magwood).

Before long, however, Abbie is confronted by Gideon (Harry Dean Stanton), a "Christmas angel" who's been assigned by Santa Claus to uplift Ginny's mood and make her appreciate the things that she does have.

With Gideon's help, the little girl believes that her mother will be happy once again and that this Christmas will end up being a joyous one.

*One Magic Christmas* is a cross between Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and the classic film *It's A Wonderful Life*. The character of Ginny Grainger is clearly reminiscent of Dicken's Ebenezer Scrooge, and the plot contains a tragic occurrence which may or may not be irrevocable, depending on Ginny's willingness to have a change of heart.

But, *One Magic Christmas* is not a sugarcoated

movie that deals with lighthearted themes. Directed by Phillip Borsos (*The Grey Fox*, *The Mean Season*), the picture tackles such subjects as death and the fact that not everyone in the world has a merry Christmas year-after-year.

Though this realistic approach towards a Yuletide-oriented tale is ambitious and innovative, it somewhat backfires during the middle of the film. The tone grows too melancholy at this point in the story, and it threatens to put a damper on the rest of the movie.

Fortunately, however, *One Magic Christmas* ultimately succeeds in becoming a warmhearted celebration of this holiday season and the joy and meaning that we can derive from it. While the plot has many sentimental moments, it never gets syrupy because of the picture's realistic slant.

And, with Norman Rockwell-ish depictions of both the Grainger family's hometown and Santa's residence in the North Pole, the film conveys an old-fashioned, nostalgic quality which is truly poignant and heartfelt.

First-rate performances abound in *One Magic Christmas*. Steenburgen (*Cross Creek*) is a joy to behold as she does a remarkable job of changing Ginny Grainger's emotional state throughout the course of the story. As Abbie, Ginny's daughter, Harnois gives one of the finest performances by a child actress that I've ever seen.

Although his grubby appearance does not coincide with the stereotypical image of an angel, Stanton (*Alien*, *Repo Man*) projects an earnest sense of fellowship and kindness that turns the character of Gideon into a thoroughly good-natured and caring spiritual guardian.

And, making a short but unforgettable appearance as Santa Claus, Jan Rubes (*Witness*) is a captivating delight as he combines the proper amount of kindehearted wisdom with childlike and ever-abundant cheerfulness.

### \*Target: 2½ STARS

Gene Hackman stars as Walter Lloyd, a former CIA agent who goes to Europe in order to rescue his wife (Gayle Hunnicutt) from a one-time adversary who has kidnapped her.

Joining Walter on this perilous mission is his college-age son Chris (Matt Dillon), who, until now, was totally unaware of his father's earlier career as an intelligence agent.

Directed by Arthur Penn (*Four Friends*), *Target* is an extremely farfetched espionage thriller that doesn't provide the proper framework for a study of the relationship between a father and his son.

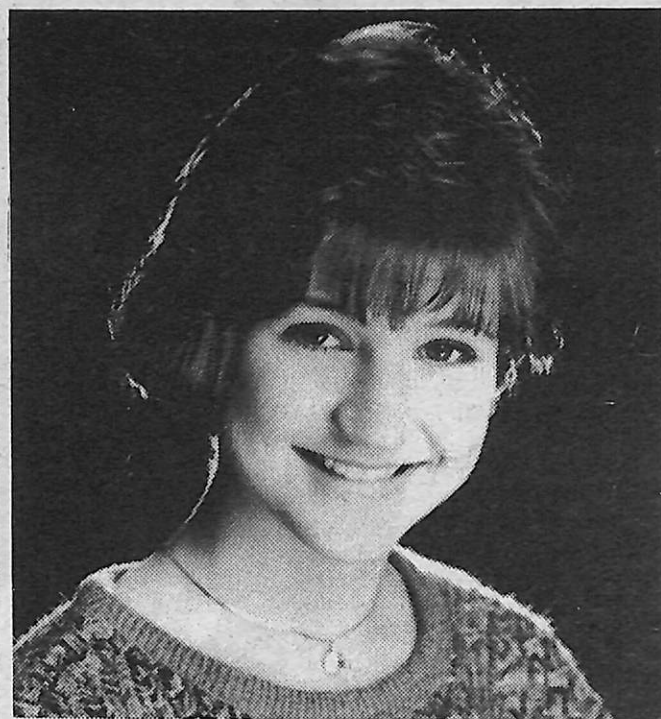
But, credible and vibrant performances by the entire cast — particularly Hackman (*Misunderstood*) and Dillon (*Rumble Fish*) — provide the film with lively and entertaining characters who manage to draw our attention away from some of the plot's flaws.

### \*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

— *Once Bitten*: Rated PG-13 for some extremely risqué humor.

— *One Magic Christmas*: Although it's rated G, this picture deals with some mature and serious topics that may not be easily understood by very young children.

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## Shelley Tryba To Compete For Miss Teen

Miss Shelley Tryba, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Tryba of 55 Butternut Drive, Agawam, has been selected as an entrant in the 1986 Miss Massachusetts Teen U.S.A. Pageant, to be held at the Sheraton Lincoln Grand Ballroom in Worcester, November 29th, 30th, and December 1st.

The state pageant will select the Massachusetts representative to the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant, to be televised live from Florida in January 1986. The Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant will be staged by Miss Universe, Inc., a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures.

Miss Tryba, who was selected as an entrant-at-large, will be competing with girls from all over the Bay State for the title of Miss Massachusetts Teen U.S.A. She attends Cathedral High School.

While in high school, Miss Tryba participated in cheerleading, Students Against Driving Drunk, and Community Council. Her other activities include skiing, soccer and working.

One of the requirements of the Miss Massachusetts Teen U.S.A. Pageant is that each entrant wear a costume descriptive of the town or area that she represents. Miss Tryba plans to wear an Indian outfit which is representative of the Mawaga Indians, formerly of Agawam.

The Miss Massachusetts Teen U.S.A. Pageant is the official preliminary to the Miss Teen U.S.A. Pageant. Miss Tryba's sponsors to the Miss Massachusetts Teen U.S.A. Pageant are Country Squire Furniture, Jiffy Lube, Springfield Florist Supply, Dan's Auto, Tryba Oil, and family and friends.



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SENIOR BARBARA GARRITY, captain of the rifle section of the Agawam High Marching Mohawks, shows her good form. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam Residents Playing Roles In Encore's Players Latest

The Encore Players will present the holiday play *Uncle Willie*, December 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th and 14th, at 8:00 p.m., at Emmanuel Church, 761 Sumner Avenue, Springfield. Tickets (\$4 for students and senior citizens, \$5 otherwise) are available at the door or by calling 783-1616. Reservations are required for opening night, December 5th, which is cabaret style.

Harold Clayton leads the cast as the conniving but good-hearted "Uncle

Willie." Mary Treiber plays his niece, the indulged Esther, and Bob Laviolette is her patient husband, Leo. Agawam's Jeff Whitney and Cheryl Gardner, with the three children, Tany Marzano (Agawam), and Laura and Lisa Albano, make up the lively Donegan family who become their tenants.

Bruce Harvey portrays the lovestruck but bashful officer McNamara with Fredi Rubin as the self-centered Francey. Helene Bernstein plays her

widowed mother.

Agawam's Sal Marzano rounds out the cast as the calculating businessman, Mr. Smith.

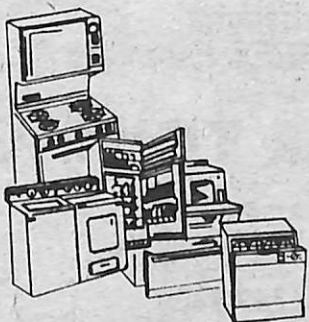
The play is directed by Jean Burns and produced by Ellen Rivers. Lynn Boucher is stage manager and Anny Kertanis is in charge of props. The set was designed and constructed under the direction of Denis Bessette. Costuming is done by Bob Laviolette and musical accompaniment is provided by Elizabeth Marzano and Maggie Sarno Hill.



POLICE OFFICER CHARLIE DONEGAN (Jeff Whitney) of Agawam shares a special joke with wife Ellen (Cheryl Gardner) in a scene from "Uncle Willie."

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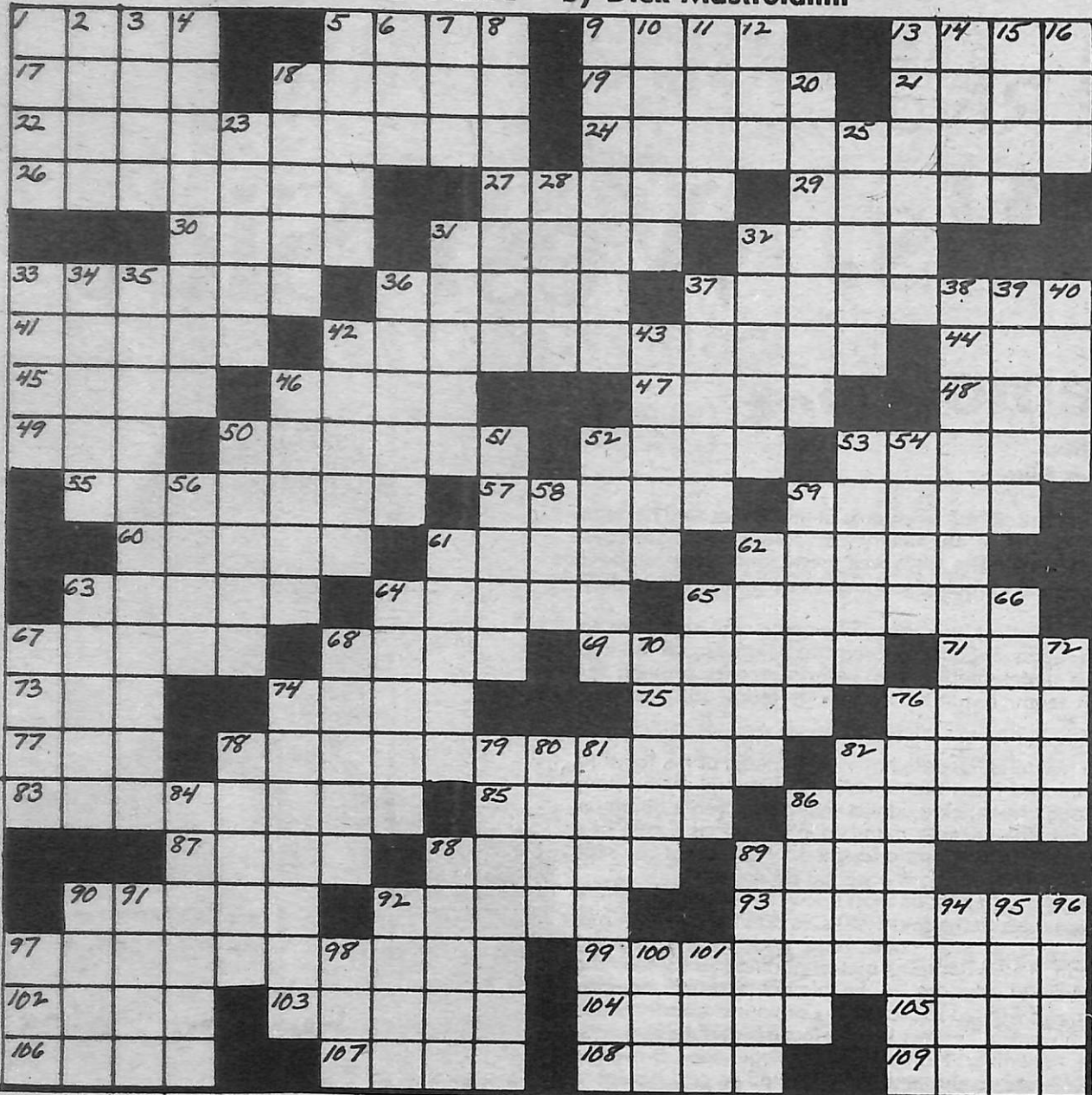
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17. African hike
18. Waste away
19. One time Houston team
21. Region
22. Atonement?
24. Lucky charm?
26. Show again (as a play)
27. Certain jackets
29. Complete sum
30. "Don't — on me"
31. Japanese ships
32. Ending for major
33. Said of a grooved bore
36. Grottos
37. Vehicle for Unser
41. Turns over (as an engine)
42. Manuao's
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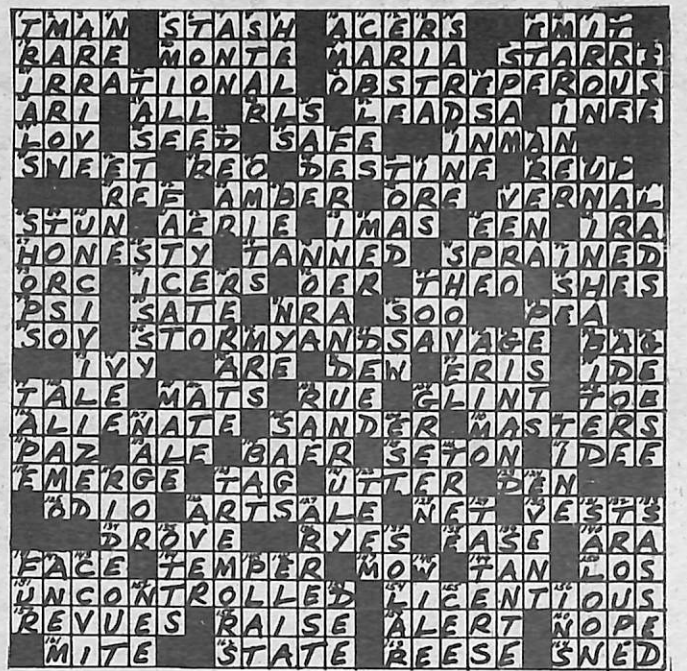
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40. Cincinnati
42. Filaments
43. Roman coin
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50. Lance
51. Impel
52. Conjuror
53. What baby does?
54. Robert —

56. French papa
58. Pindar poem
59. Greek Island
61. Freshen
62. Basketball player
63. Put in reserve
64. Poets
65. Canadian Indians
66. Type of engine
67. Water jar
68. Shows concern
70. Was sore all over
72. Completes
74. Girdled
76. Certain horses
78. Granite city
79. Stops
80. Layer
81. Divisions
82. British guns
84. Seeped
86. Rate of movement
88. Kind of jet
89. Provided with weapons
90. Dry
91. Banana port
92. Enlist again
94. Boat
95. Crippled
96. Dutch town
97. — o-link
98. Bluegrass
100. Anger
101. Verb form

Good Luck...

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A "Candlelight Christmas Concert," a part of the 1985-86 "Music at First" series, will be held Sunday afternoon, December 15th, at 4:00 p.m., in the historic Meeting House of the First Church of Christ, Court Square, right in the heart of downtown Springfield. A reception will follow in the Parish House.

The glow of a candlelight processional with the singing of familiar carols will herald this concert by the choir and soloists of Old First Church. The program will be traditional and non-traditional Advent and Christmas music.

Charles Page, minister of music at First Church, will direct and accompany the concert, as well as provide a prelude and postlude of seasonal music on the Aeolian-Skinner organ.

The soloists for this concert will be the First Church soloists Deborah Trimble, soprano; Kirsten Shirer, alto; Ben Scranton, tenor; and Bruce Johnson, baritone.

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# Sports

## 60th Meeting Of Rivals... Agawam Vs. West Side Vito Depalo's Memories...

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

On Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 28th, the Agawam High and West Springfield High football teams will square-off for the 60th meeting of the two crosstown rivals at Harmon Smith Field.

Agawam holds the series edge at 39-16-4, dating back to 1924, including last season's 23-6 victory for the Brownies.

Throughout the past 59 games, the importance of long-standing rivalry has been maintained by both schools. Championship and undefeated seasons have been on the line in the past, while a victory could either make or break a team's season.

There have been countless, down-to-the-wire thrillers as well as one-sided contests. In the past 20 years or so, the game hasn't meant an AA Conference title for either team and some of the old-timers say the game has lost some of its special intensity in recent years.

Many persons affiliated with the AHS football program as a player, coach, or spectator probably can remember at least one Agawam-West Side match-up.

One person who has many memories of this rivalry is town resident Vito Depalo, who was affiliated with Brownies football from 1945 (his junior year in high school) until 1960. Depalo was the team's manager and caretaker during those years, many of which were of championship blend.

He said of his memories of games vs. West Side, "There were so many games that I was at or heard about, that they all seem to be bonded together. There were plenty of exciting games. But some were much more memorable than others."

Depalo said the rivalry was at its peak during his time with the team. "The rivalry was really big in those days (1945-1960). The town was pretty much into football. On Saturdays, going to the game was the thing to do," he noted.

"Many times this West Side game was important to both teams. It could mean a championship on the line or an undefeated season. A win meant so much for each team. I wonder if the kids today still feel this way?"

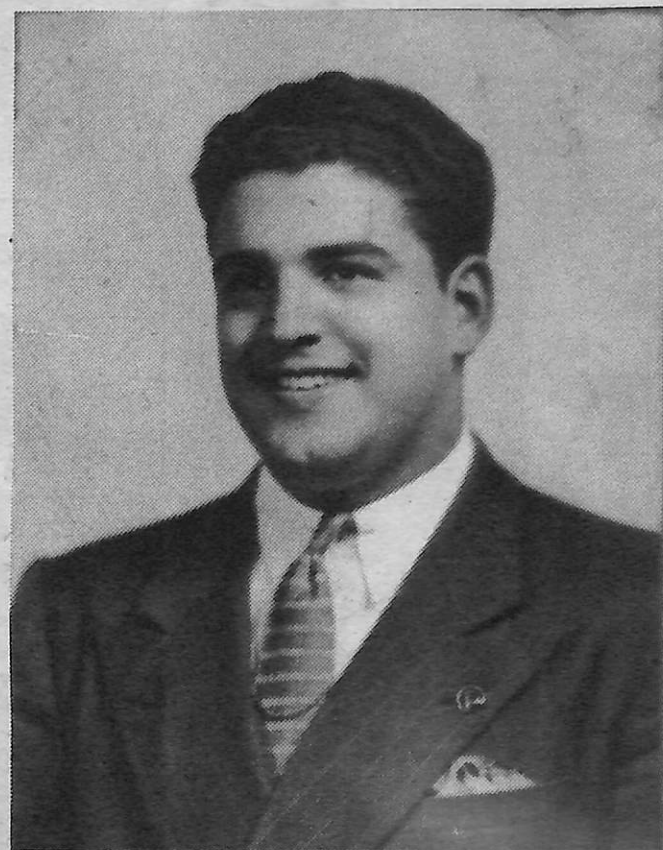
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In his mind, Depalo has vivid pictures of his favorite games and most memorable moments vs. West Side, although he quickly admits that as the years continue to pass, the specific details don't come as easy. "It's like the rivalry," Depalo laughed. "I hope that the kids today keep it going like we old timers do."

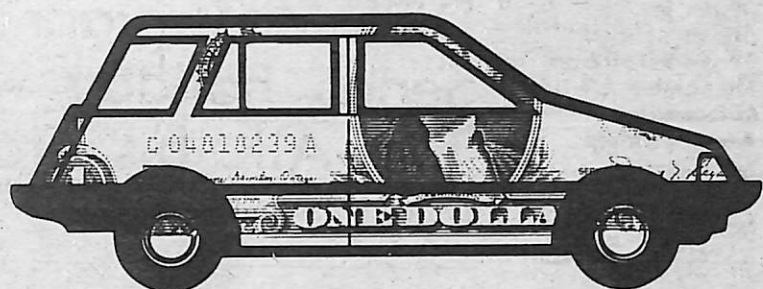
Depalo said that as most know, the Brownies were a powerhouse in the mid-1940's. In one West Side game, there was a huge controversy prior to the opening kickoff. Team captains met at midfield to discuss the number of minutes to be played in each quarter. Agawam wanted to play four 12-minute quarters. The much weaker Terriers sought four six-minute quarters.

"I remember Harmon Smith (legendary Brownies coach) was so upset that he wanted to pull his team from the field. Harm sure could blow off the handle when he wanted to," said Depalo. "It was finally decided that four eight-minute quarters would be played."

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**JOLTIN' JOE PISANO'S** four touchdown performance vs. West Side in a torrential downpour still stands as a record 45 years later.



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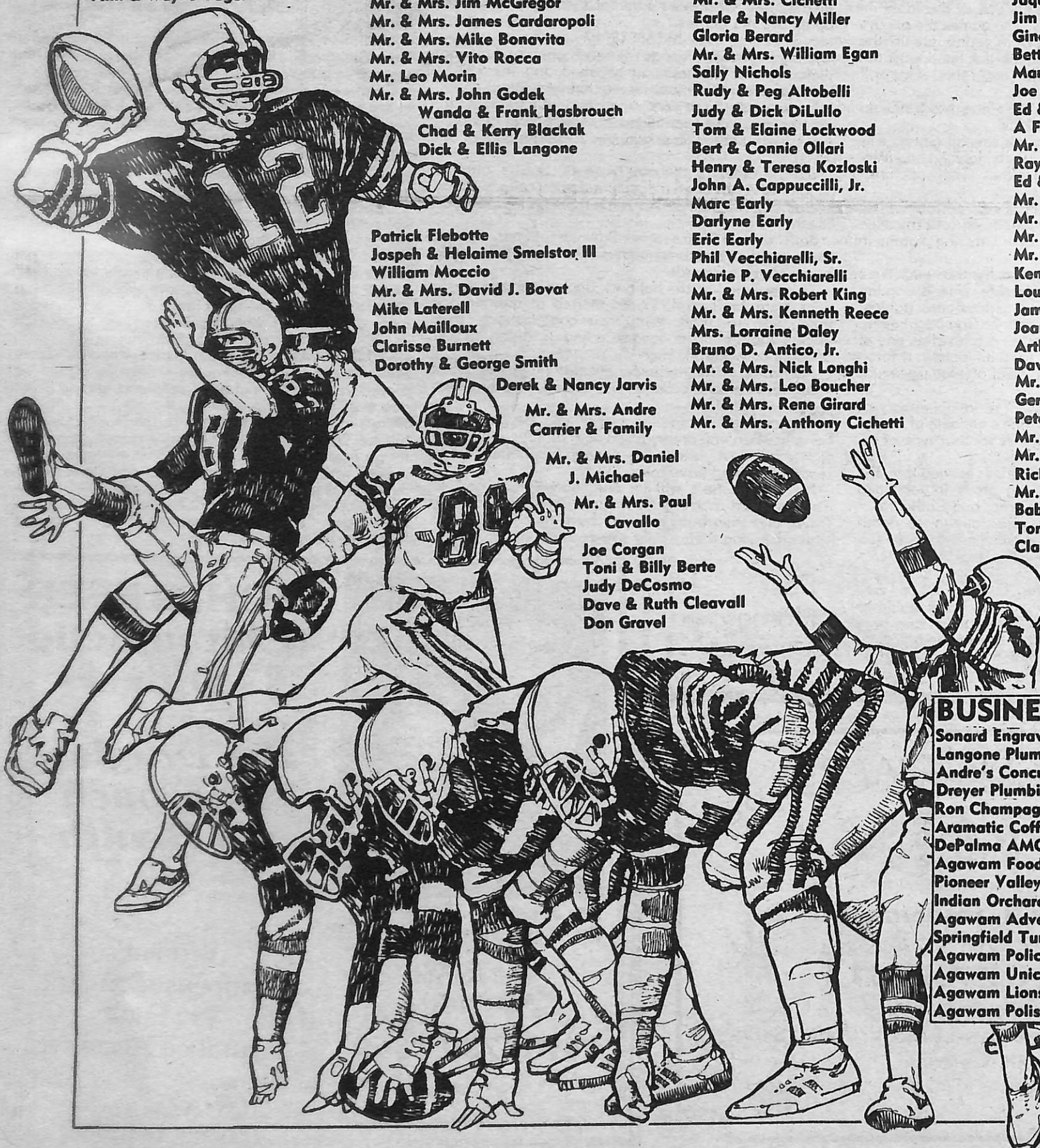
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## 1985 Brownies Gear For Terriers' Shankle

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

In 1958, the Agawam High School football Brownies suffered a crushing blow to rival West Springfield in an 8-0 loss in the last game of the season.

Quarterback Amedeo "Junie" Golfieri tossed the winning touchdown for the Terriers.

For former Brownies' halfback and defensive cornerback Joe "Little Mo" Modzelewski, he will never forget that loss to West Side. It cost the locals the Western Mass. championship.

Ironically, when Agawam and West Side clash for the 60th time since 1924 on Thursday, November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, at Harmon Smith Field, Modzelewski and Golfieri will be at the helm of their respective former schools grid teams.

Both men agree there's a huge bundle of pride riding on this game, regardless of the fact that the fortunes of both football programs have dramatically changed since those championship days three decades ago.

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Agawam holds a 39-16-4 series edge over West Side. If the Brownies are successful in this outing, it will be the third in a row (23-6 last year), enabling them to retire the Agawam-West Springfield Elks trophy, traditionally given to the winner.

Last year's 23-6 victory for the Brownies was their best game of the season. The win put the locals ahead in the standings, keeping West Side in last place in the AA Conference.

This season, the situation is similar as both Agawam and West Side are at the bottom of the heap. Agawam stands at 1-5 in the AA and 2-7 overall.

Having been part of the drama and excitement of the traditional Turkey Day clash, Modzelewski knows what his team is going through.

"Traditionally, this matchup is one of the most intense rivalries in Western Mass. The games are always played with lots of emotion. Both teams are in the same boat this season and I think the team with the fewest mistakes will come out the winner," Modzelewski said.

In preparing his gridders for West Side, Modzelewski reminded them of that loss in 1958.

Agawam has struggled through several games this season. With a few breaks, losses to Holyoke and Minnechaug could have been avoided. Their victories came against Ludlow and Classical.

The bright and most consistent performer for Agawam this season has been senior fullback Ken Berard, who surpassed the 1,000-yard rushing plateau in last week's loss to Cathedral.

His efforts have been matched by those of West Side's senior halfback Jamie Shankle, who is coming off an incredible six touchdown performance against Division I Super Bowl-bound Chicopee Comp last week.

Shankle's game vs. Comp is being tabbed as one of the greatest in Western Mass. football history. It totaled approximately 545 yards in total offense against a very superior team.

Modzelewski said of Shankle, "We're very wary of him and are very aware of what he's capable of doing. We're trying to prepare our defense for that type of explosive player."

The Brownies have been sorely burned by the Shankle-type this season on big plays in lop-sided losses to Westfield, Chicopee Comp, and Cathedral.

West Side has its problems, especially in the depth department. The Terriers' total team membership (including waterboys) is in the low 20's, making Golfieri's depth chart non-existent.

Still, Modzelewski said the Terriers are a very capable football team. "One problem we're going to have vs. West Side is their size. Even though they have only 19 players, they're probably one of the biggest teams overall in the area. I think they are a stronger team than their current standing indicates."

## Modzelewski Brothers Just Say "Good Luck"

by Judith Kelliher  
Advertiser News Sports Editor

Every Saturday morning during the 1985 high school football season two area schoolboy coaches would call each other on the telephone to wish "good luck" for that afternoon's game.

It was a nice gesture but what made it special was that the two coaches are brothers, Joe and Ed Modzelewski, both well-known Agawam residents. The Modzelewskis are the only two known Western Mass. high school coaches who are brothers.

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Both men are gearing their teams for traditional Thanksgiving Day games vs. bitter rivals. Ed's game, however, has far-reaching implications for the post-season.

His Spartans (8-1/5-0) face the undefeated and powerful Longmeadow Lancers (9-0/5-0) for the Suburban League championship and the right to face Chicopee Comp in the Division I Super Bowl.

Joe leads the Brownies (2-7/1-5) into battle vs. ancient rival West Springfield in a game which is equally important in terms of pride and tradition, but it has no implications for the league. Both teams are at the bottom in the AA Conference standings.

According to Joe, who lives at 11 Grant Street, he and his brother are superstitious and would not discuss the upcoming game when they phoned each other.

"We made it a tradition this season to talk to each other every Saturday morning to wish good luck," said Joe. "But, I think we were superstitious and knew it would be better if we didn't talk about the game. After the game, we'd gladly discuss how things went."

Ed, a resident of 38 Althea Circle, added, "It was a nice thing to do before the games. Afterwards, we'd rehash what happened to our teams. We'd more or less discuss how to handle different situations that came up during the games."

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Joe is in his first year as the head coach at Agawam High. He was an assistant coach during the 1970's under present Athletic Director Clifford Kibbe.

Joe is in his 17th year as a physical education instructor in the Agawam School System, most of which was spent at the high school (his current business address).

Ed, the older of the two brothers, is EL's athletic director and has been a coach and physical education instructor since 1969. This is his third year as football coach.

Both Joe and Ed are former Brownie gridders. In fact, they played on the same teams in the late 1950's under coach Harry Leonardi.

Joe excelled at the halfback and cornerback positions from 1957 to 1959. Ed starred at quarterback from 1956 to 1958. With their contributions, they helped maintain the long-standing tradition of excellence at Agawam High.

According to Joe, the experiences of playing football in high school and college have stayed with him even today.

"There are certain things that you develop emotionally when you are involved with athletics that stay with you. What I learned by playing has helped me to teach the boys I have today."

No doubt, there will be one more phone call on Thanksgiving morning from Grant Avenue to Althea Drive, and then both men will have much to discuss while enjoying their turkey dinner later on.



AGAWAM HIGH COACH JOE MODZELEWSKI

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Suffice to say, the Brownies went on to score 65 points in 32 minutes for the most one-sided victory in the series, 65-0.

In another incident, Depalo remembered a time when Harm Smith could be seen fuming on the sidelines near the end of one West Side game.

"We were ahead, 13-6 in the fourth quarter and Harm just wanted the kids to hold the lead by keeping the ball on the ground. Gerry Mason was at fullback and was calling all the plays.

"When the teams came out of the huddle and lined up, it was apparent to Harm that it was going to be a pass play," Depalo said.

Depalo remembers Harm screaming and jumping up-and-down on the sidelines for a time-out because he wanted to change the play.

As it turned out, Depalo said, Stu Kibbe passed to Mason for a touchdown. "It was a good play so Harm wasn't so mad after the touchdown was scored," said Depalo. "But I would have hated to be in the locker-room afterwards if that play resulted in a turnover."

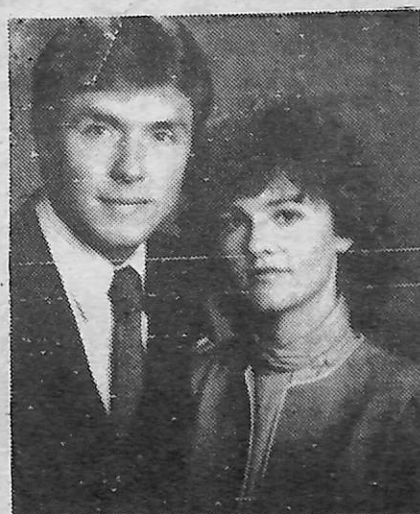
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While not recalling the specifics, Depalo did mention one game in 1940 against West Side that was played in over five inches of mud and rain at an old dog track in West Springfield.

Agawam won, 27-0 thanks to four touchdowns by big Joe Pisano. The four TD's still stands as a record for an Agawam player vs. West Side 45 years later.

Even with all the fond memories and stories of the Agawam-West Side rivalry, Depalo can still be found attending the Thanksgiving Day game vs. West Side, even today. "Some things are just a part of you and that's the way it is," he said.

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# Cracker Jones' Famous TD Run Fondly Recalled

by Judith Kelliher  
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In the wake of the upcoming 60th meeting between ancient rivals Agawam and West Springfield High Schools on the gridiron, one of the oldest schoolboy rivalries in Western Mass., it seems the appropriate time to look back at one of the most spectacular come-from-behind victories by Agawam in the series.

Known as the famous "Cracker Jones Touchdown Run" of 1932, Agawam, under legendary coach Harmon Smith, achieved one of the most dramatic wins ever of its crosstown rivals.

The win clinched the Western Mass. championship for the Brownies.

In the series, which dates back to 1924, Agawam holds a 39-14-4 edge.

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To set the stage - the teams were deadlocked, 13-13 and the Brownies had possession at its own 14-yard line with only 20 seconds left in the game.

Enter Clark "Cracker" Jones of the Brownies. On the Brownies' first play from scrimmage after getting the ball back, Jones immediately looked to pass, found no receivers open, and charged upfield, nearly untouched, 86 yards for the game-winning touchdown.

This unlikely scenario with almost no time remaining on the clock sparked a delirious celebration by the Brownies and their fans.

West Side's players, coaches, and fans were stunned, leaving the field in disbelief. Over 3,000 watched this wonderful battle.

Two former Brownie gridders who fondly recall that 19-13 victory held at Kings Highway Field in West Side, are halfback Sam Provo and quarterback Merrill Tisdell. Each were right in the heat of action in the closing seconds of the game to aid in the dramatics.

Tisdell recalled, "We always felt we were going to win the game, even with so little time left. I remember Cracker Jones called the pass play, which was used very little back when we played. We were kind of hesitant at first, but then decided to go along with that play."

Tisdell added, "When Cracker faded back to pass, no one was open so he started to run up the field. When we realized what was happening, everyone started to block the West Side players and he made the touchdown."

Provo, who was the league's leading scorer that season, was supposed to be on the receiving end of the "pass that never was."

Provo said, "The pass was supposed to come to me, but I was covered by a few West Side players. Cracker Jones started squirming his way up the field, so I just blocked any players near me. It was a do or die situation for us and we pulled it off," said Provo.

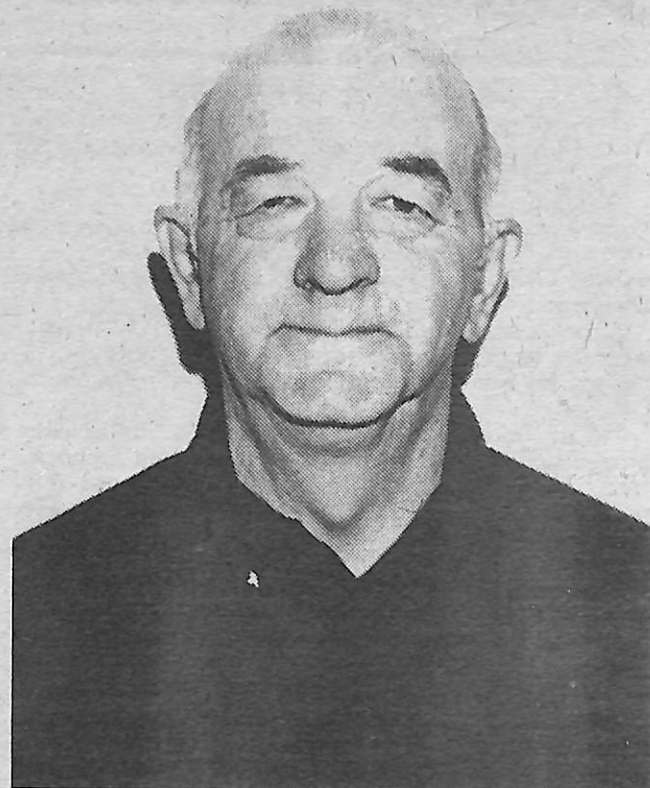
Both players agreed that while Jones' touchdown certainly was remarkable, it came as no surprise to them. "That's what Agawam football was all about back then," said Tisdell. "We did the things expected of us to win."

Both former player recalled that Harm Smith was so thrilled with the win that he was almost speechless afterwards. "And Harm was never one who was lost for words," laughed Provo.

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The game was a back-and-forth battle as both teams exchanged leads. West Side jumped out to a 7-0 advantage at the intermission.

The high-scoring Provo hit paydirt in the third quarter and Tisdell added another in the final stanza to set-up Jones' dash into the record books.



**SAM PROVO** was the leading scorer in the league in 1932 and he vividly remembers the run of Cracker Jones that beat West Side for the Western Mass. title.

## Rosati Big Celebrity At Riverside's Annual Banquet

Over 600 people came to pay tribute to the owners and drivers in the NASCAR Winston Racing Series at the Riverside Park Speedway's Awards Banquet, Saturday, November 16th.

The function, held at Valle's Steak House in West Springfield, was a tribute to the 1985 Riverside NASCAR Winston Racing Series champion John Rosati, and sponsor Ron Young of Southwick Motors. It also saluted the 1985 Riverside Pro Stock champion Jim McCallum and Street Stock champion Dave Selleck.

The function of an awards banquet drew a large selection of media people. It included television coverage from two of Springfield's leading stations, plus media representatives from five different daily newspapers, including a fine representation from the trade publications. Also in attendance from NASCAR headquarters was Jim Hunter, Budweiser executive; Jim Sadowsky, the assistant team manager of the RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company; Larry Kiger and the Subaru of America representative, Doug George.

Riverside's Rollie Jacobs and Ben Dodge Jr., after a delicious dinner, began the awards portion of the spectacular event. Receiving trophies in the Modified Divi-

sion were the top ten drivers and owners. Beginning with the tenth place was Wade Cole/Charley's Radiator 33; ninth, Ken Bouchard/Hanks 37; eighth, Stan Greger/Febbreilo 10; seventh, Ted Riggott/Kemp Communications; sixth, Mike McLaughlin/Boehler 3; fifth, S. J. Evanson/Diamond Construction 35; fourth, Ray Miller/Simons 10; third, Marty Radewick/Brady Racing 00; second, Reggie Ruggerio/44 Racing; and the 1985 Champion, John Rosati, driver of the Southwick Motors 71.

Top five drivers received Winston Point Fund Money presented by Larry Kiger and Jim Hunter. Rosati was quick to thank both NASCAR and Winston for their support of Modified Racing. "I owe this championship to owner Ron Young, and Barry Khunnel and the Southwick crew."

### Pro Stock Champion

Jim McCallum of Charlton was crowned the Pro Stock champion. McCallum received point money and congratulated his crew and family for a job well-done. Second to tenth place in the Pro Stocks also received trophies for the owners and drivers, including Pete

Fiandaca, Fran Colson, Paul Suprenant, Jerry Marquis, Ed Lavoie, Roger Godin, Rick Turcotte, John Bergenty, and Mark Forino, respectively.

Dave Selleck of Sandy Hook was crowned as the 1985 Riverside Street Stock Champion. Second was John Lobo, Jim Mavloganes, Wayne Thrall, Luke Scanlon, Dan Lavoie, Joe Hamm, Dan Delena, Gary Fiormonti, and Brian Crunden, respectively.

Rookie of the Year was shared by Craig Gabrielle and Jerry Marquis in the Modifieds, Paul Suprenant in the Pro Stocks, and Tony Morehouse in the Streets. Most Improved in the Modifieds was Bruce D'Allesandro; Pro Stocks, Roger Godin; and Street Stocks, shared by Dan Lavoie and Joe Hamm.

Clint Hanks and Ron Young, received Professionalism awards along with Paul Suprenant and Brian Crunden. Best Appearing Awards went to John Rosati, Fran Colson, and Stan Chmielewski. The September Series champion was John Rosati, receiving \$1,000.

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## Awards Presented At Agawam High Parents Soccer Banquet

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The Agawam High Soccer Parents Association held its annual awards banquet on Tuesday, November 19th, at Chez Josef.

After a fine meal, the following awards were presented by varsity and junior varsity coaches to members of their respective teams.

### BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER: 5-8-3, 6th place in Smith Division:

"Rookie of the Year": Sophomore Ricky Parolo, who was the team's leading scorer with 16 goals and 3 assists. He was the second leading scorer in the Smith Division.

"Most Valuable Senior": Captain Peter Sibilia, who played halfback, stopperback, sweeper, and fullback. Head coach Dick Cowles said of Sibilia, "He was able to fill in anywhere and everywhere we needed him. He also provided excellent leadership."

"Most Improved Player": Junior Tom Sullivan at the sweeper position. According to Cowles, he had a slow start but continued to improve as the season progressed. Sullivan's top-notch play helped Agawam allow 20 fewer goals in 1985 than in 1984.

"Sportsmanship Award": Senior goalie Don Hume, who provided leadership by example and worked extremely hard all season, said Cowles.

### BOYS' JUNIOR VARSITY:

"Most Improved Player": Mike Nofall at the sweeper position. Coach Bill O'Brien, Jr., said of Nofall, "He started the season with almost no skills and by the end of the season, he was a starter for us and played almost the whole game."

"Sportsmanship Award": Halfback Paul Poole, who worked hard and would do "anything I asked of him," said O'Brien.

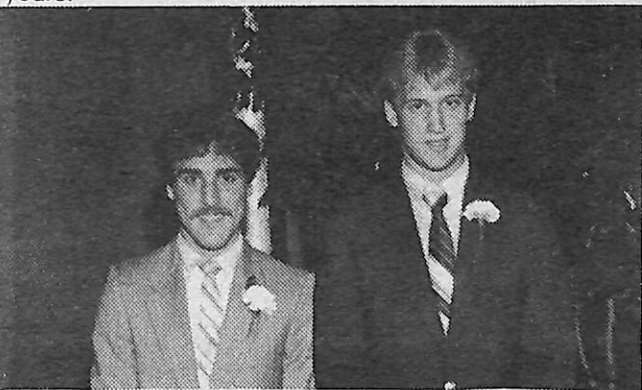
### GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER: 9-6-2, 5th place in Fielding Division.

"Most Valuable Senior": Stopperback Marni Ayers, who had a great year, according to coach Bill O'Brien. He said, "Marni did a super job for us. She was responsible for shutting down some of our opponents top scorers this season."

"Sportsmanship Award": Karen Kane, a non-starting senior who was injured most of the season. O'Brien said, "Karen gave 105 percent to the team all the time. Even though she didn't play that much, she still cheered us on."

"Most Improved Player": Senior right fullback Gina Feister, who made an "absolutely amazing turnaround in her play from last season," said O'Brien.

"Rookie of the Year": Beth Whittacker, the only freshman to ever start on the girls' varsity, according to O'Brien. He said, "Beth enjoyed a great season because she was such a consistent player. I see All-Western Mass. written all over this girl in the next few years."



AGAWAM HIGH varsity boys' captains Pete Sibilia and Joe Easton, pictured at the Annual Soccer Banquet held at Chez Josef on Tuesday, November 19th.



SENIORS ON THE AGAWAM HIGH VARSITY BOYS' Soccer team are, from left - Michael McCarthy, Michael Parolo, Joe Easton, Pete Sibilia, Steve Pedro, and Don Hume. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH SENIORS ON THE girls' varsity soccer team are, from left - Cindy Slate, Gina Feister, Karen Kane, Lori Harpin, and Marni Ayers. Absent from photo was Vicki McCarthy. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' VARSITY soccer coach Bill O'Brien, Sr., pictured with his senior tri-captains. From left - Cindy Slate, Lori Harpin, and Marni Ayers. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## Moccio & BC Take Round One Title In Close Match

Two evenly matched teams faced each other in the 11th week of Round One in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League, held at the Agawam Bowl. Boston College, led by captain BOBBY MOCCIO, split with Villanova, two wins each in a fierce match. Boston College won the Round One title because they came into the match leading Villanova by one-half game. It finished this way: BC (26 wins) and Villanova (25½ wins). Only four pins separated the two teams in total pinfall for the first round (14,960 to 14,956).

You can't come much closer than this.

For BC, PAT RESCIGNO defeated relative KEITH RESCIGNO, 229-207. However, Villanova fought right back with JEAN BUONICONTI'S fine 315. Third roller FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO could only muster a 298 and this did hurt the cause. He did defeat SANDY PRZESZLO (273). A 330 by Frankie would have done it.

In the match between captain Moccio and Villanova anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS, Moccio proved why he's a top bet for the league's MVB (most valuable bowler) with a 364-342 victory. This was certainly a great individual match. The Lordly Barber went away very quietly after this one. Moccio was simply sighing with relief, but was grinning from ear-to-ear.

If you remember, BC won the first round last year and never was the same team again. They were pulverized in the championship playoffs by St. Louis.

St. Michael (3rd place-25 wins) came back with a vengeance to rip St. Mary (10th place-20 wins), four games to none. Still, it was bittersweet for St. Mike's. They could have been the round champions if it wasn't for a big choke in the tenth week of rolling.

Leading the way for St. Michael's were GINNY BENJAMIN (278), PAUL DEZIELLE (291), and captain MIKE O'CONNELL (321), who was just nipped by St. Mary's fine captain, FRED MORASSI (323). Another winner for St. Mary's was Da Vinci Restaurant's popular STEVE DEVANEY, who recently completed an outstanding performance with Bay Path Junior College's production of *Chorus Line*.

Fordham (4th place-23½ wins) sucked some wind from the sails of Notre Dame (8th place-22 wins). ND had crept up to third place after week 10, but they still must be considered a surprise team of the first round. Fordham won this match, three games to one.

Winners for Fordham included JOE RESCIGNO, a major league effort of 324; JANICE MOCCIO, 297; and RICH SNYDER, 312. ND captain JOHN RESCIGNO snatched one win for his team by stopping Fordham captain ANN O'CONNELL, 338-300. However, Fordham had three rollers in the 300's and a fourth only three pins away. That's a fine night.

Last year's grand champions, St. Louis (5th place-23 wins) continued to save some face in the late weeks by chopping-up Loyola (9th place-22 wins), three wins to one. Winners for St. Lou were STELLA BARBIERI (263), substitute JOHN O'CONNELL (307), and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (326). Debbie was quite pleased with herself after she demolished Loyola captain EDDIE ANDERSON (297) with surprising ease. MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN wore the star for Loyola with her 298.

Catholic University (11th place-18½ wins) kept Holy Cross (6th place-23 wins) from moving up even farther on the ladder by splitting with them, two wins each. HC certainly ranks as the comeback team of the year so far. Winning for HC were LAURIE SNYDER (256), FELIX PEPPER (280), and captain STU STORK (315), a truly tough competitor.

CU was saved by STEP STEPANIAN'S big roll of 333. Captain JIM SNYDER could only throw a lowly 280, making Step's score even more important.

In the final match of the night, Georgetown (7th place-22½ wins) blew-out the new league doormat, St. Anselm's (last place-13 wins). Winning for G-Town were JOHN MLINEK (282), CHERYL PRZESZLO, and captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (337). Al had a good night as he doesn't like reading that he has been floundering from time to time. Al knocked-out St. A's distraught captain, VI MASSOIA (295). Vi isn't very pleased about the first round at all.

Starring for the losers was KATHY PRZESZLO with a fine 300. Kathy is a newcomer this season and is the daughter of Sandy Przeszlo.

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Additional awards were presented to Budweiser's and Williams Distributing's Ginny Sadowsky for dedication to Riverside Speedway. Riverside also presented special awards of appreciation to Ralph Ouderkirk and his wife Ruth, Dick & Mary Brooks, and Sue Dugan. Special awards were presented for the promotion and expansion of Motor Sports to Tim Deroir, Gary Fields and Ginny Sadowsky.

Riverside also announced that under the direction of Ben Dodge, Jr., and Gene Murphy, Riverside would double the sponsorship money in 1987. A figure in excess of \$150,000 is projected. Every race event will be sponsored and some events may have as many as five sponsors.

The banquet event ended with dancing until 2:00 a.m., with fun had by all. Riverside will begin its 1986 season at the new track with NASCAR Modifieds and Street Stocks on March 29th.

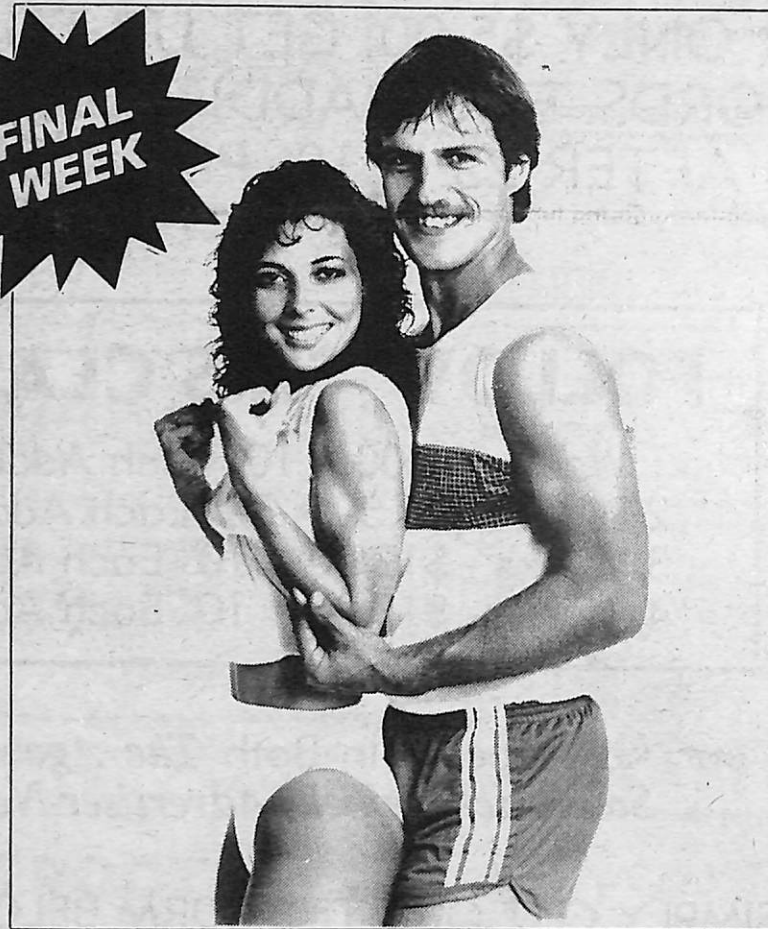


**TRI PARISH BOWLERS STEP STEPANIAN, Doris Krzykowski, Edith Moccio, and Esther Buoniconti take time-out from the fierce Monday night competition.**

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